

Spanish King in crucial visit

From Richard Wigg Windsor With a public kiss for the Queen on her right cheek and then on her hand, King Juan Carlos of Spain symbolized hopes yesterday for new and more fruitful relations between the two countries when, accompanied by Queen Sofia, he began a politically important state visit to Britain.



The Prince of Wales exchanging confidences with King Juan Carlos at Heathrow yesterday.

Junta shares Libya power with Gadaffi

Libya appears now to be ruled by a military junta of five, possibly divesting Colonel Gadaffi of exclusive control. Nezar Hindawi was remanded in custody at Lambeth Magistrates Court charged with conspiracy to murder.

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

A five-man junta of military officers appears to be governing Libya in the aftermath of the American air raid — a collective leadership which includes Colonel Gadaffi as the nominal leader but which has divested him of his exclusive control over the country.

The Inspector General of the Libyan Army and the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces are believed to be members of the new administration in which Colonel Gadaffi now performs the tasks of a figurehead rather than the sole political and military leader.

Since the air raids, Colonel Gadaffi has not appeared either at public rallies or at press conferences. Major Abdul-Salam Jalloud, his deputy, presented Libya's formal response to the raids at a meeting with foreign correspondents last week. Colonel Gadaffi's old friend, Commandant Hweidi al-Hamed, the Deputy Chief-of-Staff — rather than Colonel Gadaffi himself — represented the Government at a mass funeral of civilian air raid victims.

Both Major Jalloud and Commandant al-Hamed are said to be members of the new leadership, together with Mustafa Karoubi, the Inspector General, and Abu Boker, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

Colonel Gadaffi is still officially referred to as "the leader of the revolution", but his only public address to Libyans came almost two days after the raid — on Wednesday.

adopted daughter, summoned journalists to the ruins of the family home to call for the "liquidation" of Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan. Sitting there in a long black Arab robe, her hand resting on a sword, she looked more like an avenging Lady Macbeth than the wife of a revolutionary leader.

It would be wrong to assume that Colonel Gadaffi's personal power has been broken. In Libya he is seen as a desert, tribal man; and however unpopular he is among his regular army officer corps and among the middle classes, his personal stature appears to have increased among Libyans.

The formation of a new collective leadership — which in any case only reflects the "people's power" in which Colonel Gadaffi has always professed to believe — may well have been taken to pre-

vent the possibility of a coup d'etat. A shift in governmental power could certainly have accounted for the brief gun battle foreign journalists witnessed outside Colonel Gadaffi's headquarters at the Bab al-Azaziya Barracks.

Rather than an attempt to oppose Colonel Gadaffi, it now seems likely that this was a conflict between two pro-Gadaffi's cadres in a temporary power vacuum that existed before he re-established confidence by appearing on national television.

But it is Major Jalloud, his deputy, who has dominated the national television screens ever since, appearing on three successive nights in a rebroadcast of his Friday night press conference. Major Jalloud was always regarded as a possible successor to Colonel Gadaffi — although he has always denied this — and his constant reappearance has done nothing to dispel the suggestion that he could yet become the successor.

In a nation which meets at least two of the basic criteria of a police state — that nothing unofficial ever happens there, and that anything official is intrinsically boring — the events of the past week have been among the most traumatic in Libya's recent history.

Supposition and rumour breed in such an atmosphere; but the creation of the new five-man junta is among the more positive developments to have followed the American air strike.

Libyans expelled from Britain

Britain intensified the pressure on Libya yesterday by ordering the deportation of 21 Libyan citizens, mostly students, for what was described as revolutionary activity. They were arrested early yesterday and are being detained at centres throughout the country while arrangements are made to fly them to Tripoli.

The 21, who have been under police surveillance for some time, are understood to have been involved in rebuilding the pro-Gadaffi Libyan students' organization among the estimated 2,000 Libyan students in Britain.

A Home Office statement said that their deportation would be conducive to the public good and in the interests of national security. The Home Secretary "has taken this decision in the light of information about their active involvement in Libyan student revolutionary activity in the United Kingdom", the statement said. It added that their dependents were not being deported but would be expected to leave Britain in the near future.

One of those to be deported, Mr Adil Masoud, who has just completed a flying course at the Oxford Air School, is alleged to have recently called a Tripoli radio station and offered to bomb an American Air Force base in Britain in a suicide mission.

He left the school 11 days ago after completing the two-and-a-half-year course and was held in Norwich. The school is still training 10 other Libyan pilots and 10 engineers. Four of the pilots are said to have been grounded.

The Libyans have a right of appeal against deportation to the immigration arbitration tribunal, but it is understood that most have waived that right.

A spokesman for the British Council of Churches said yesterday that he was not aware of any calls being made to the churches "hotline" for Libyans which was set up last year by Mr Terry Waite as part of the deal to secure the release of the four Britons held in Libya last year.

Neither the Saudi Arabian Embassy, which looks after Libyan interests in Britain, nor the Libyan representative in London, were told of the deportations.

The order virtually expels the Libyans from Europe under the EEC accord agreed on Monday in Luxembourg which bans Libyans expelled by one member state from entering another. The names of the deportees are being circulated to the other European capitals, the Foreign Office confirmed last night.

The Home Office would not publish the names of the deportees yesterday, but said that six were from the South-east, five from London, three from Wales, two from the North-east, one from the South-west, two from the Midlands and two from Scotland.

There is no suggestion that they were plotting any further acts of violence but rather that they were trying to restore pro-Gadaffi political activism among Libyan students and

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Heathrow bomb charge remand

Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian arrested after the discovery of a time-bomb in his pregnant girlfriend's luggage at Heathrow Airport, appeared in court yesterday charged with conspiracy to murder and with trying to destroy an El Al jumbo aircraft.

After an 18-minute hearing at the top-security Lambeth Magistrates' Court he was remanded in custody until May 1. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Mr Hindawi, aged 31, of no fixed address, said nothing in court. He had been brought in an armoured police vehicle from Paddington Green police station, west London, since he has been questioned since his arrest last Friday.

Mr Keith Maitland-Davies, the magistrate, refused an application for bail by his solicitor, Mr Michael Fisher.

documents which convinced them that he was involved in the discotheque bombing. It is possible that they also found, among the documents, sketches of other West Berlin discotheques, restaurants, and public buildings — indicating that further attacks were planned.

On Saturday, in accordance with standard German procedure, Hasi appeared before a private hearing of Tiergarten magistrate's court, which authorized him to be held under an arrest order charging him with being an accessory to causing the explosion.

West Berlin believes that he was not the only person involved in the attack.

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Hindawi's brother accused

From Frank Johnson, Bonn The Palestinian under arrest in West Berlin for taking part in the bombing of the La Belle discotheque, who was named yesterday as Ahmed Nawaf Mansur Hasi, aged 35, is the brother of Nezar Hindawi, the man charged in London with offences connected with the attempt to blow up the El Al airliner.

Hasi was living inconspicuously in West Berlin until last Friday, when British police told West Berlin police of the suspected link with the man they had arrested in London.

West Berlin police found him at his flat, no 163, Attila Strasse, in the Tempelhof district. There they found

the female labourers from outside the city. All-women building collectives and co-operatives exist in London and some other cities like Sheffield.

Mr David Whitfield, the Labour chairman of the group, said: "Since we are assuming that the centre will be designed, organized and managed by women, it seemed logical to extend that back to the building and adaptation of the centre."

A woman's place could be building the home

Women bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters, electricians and decorators could be in demand in the city of dreaming spires if Oxford council agrees a proposal to insist on an all-female team of labourers to build a new centre for women.

The proposal has been put forward by the council's working group on the centre. However, there is no all-female building contractor business in Oxford, so if passed, the proposal will mean importing

"Apart from that, it would be a way of providing an opportunity of labour for women, which is something that the council is concerned to develop."

The city already has one women's centre but the council believe that it is too small to cope with expansion. It is searching for a suitable site or building to convert and has set aside £250,000 for the project.

Banks join move to lower home loan rates

by Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Two of the big four clearing banks yesterday followed the leading building societies by cutting a full percentage point off their mortgage rates, with the possibility of more reductions if bank base lending rates fall further.

At the same time the two banks, Lloyds and National Westminster, introduced new special lending terms, reflecting intense competition in the home loan market as the house-buying season gets into full swing.

The Bank of England signalled yesterday that it was not ready for another cut in base rates for a least a few days, but there was still optimism in the money markets that there would be one next week.

Interest rates in the United States continued to weaken on news of poor US economic performance, while in Britain there are hopes that inflation will sink below 3 per cent in the next few weeks.

Lloyds and NatWest both reduced their standard home loan rates from 12 per cent to 11 per cent with effect from May 1 for new borrowers and June 1 for existing borrowers. Of the big four, Barclays and Midland have yet to announce rate cuts.

Lloyds also announced a new fixed-rate loan scheme under which house buyers can borrow for the first three years at 9.9 per cent — more than one percentage point below the new normal rate.

At the end of three years they are entitled to switch to the ordinary home loan rate of the bank or continue to pay another fixed rate for a further period. The new fixed rate will be set according to prevailing rates of interest at the time.

The fixed rate scheme is aimed at borrowers who believe that ordinary mortgage rates will remain above 9.9 per cent for most of the next three years. Lloyds boosted competition in the mortgage market earlier this year by becoming the first lender to reduce the higher rates normally charged on endowment loans to the same level as ordinary repayment mortgages.

The bank is planning to commit an initial £200 million under the fixed-rate scheme, which becomes available from today. Lloyds will lend a minimum of £30,000 and up to 90 per cent of the value of the property. There is a penalty of two months' extra interest if the loan is repaid early, but the penalty is waived if the loan is transferred to a new property.

National Westminster is hoping to attract new customers by abolishing the £100 arrangement fee which it has charged until now on new mortgages.

Boost for allowance campaign

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Married women who look after disabled relatives moved a step closer to winning the right to receive the £23 a week invalid care allowance yesterday.

The Advocate-General of the European Court argued that the Government was in breach of the EEC's equal treatment directive by refusing to make the payments.

His opinion, given in Luxembourg, could lead to up to 76,000 married women receiving the allowance at a cost to the Government of an estimated £100 million a year if the full court backs his advice in a judgment expected in June.

The advocate-general's opinion was greeted with delight by Mrs Jacqueline Drake, aged 42, whose claim for the allowance has provided the EEC test case.

Mrs Drake, a mother of three from Worsley, Manchester, gave up work as a school crossing patrol officer and cleaner in June 1984 to care for her severely-disabled mother.

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Tomorrow Anyone for football?



Wimbledon, better known for tennis, is on the brink of becoming an unlikely addition to football's first division.

Portfolio Gold

There is £4,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today, and the weekly prize on Saturday will be £16,000, double the usual amount because there was no winner last weekend. Yesterday's £4,000 prize was shared by four readers — details, page 3. You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to play the game. Details of where to obtain one if you have any difficulty getting one from your newsagent appear on page 3. Portfolio Gold list, page 28; how to play, information service, page 20.

Rolls success

Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aircraft engine manufacturer, reported pretax profits of £81 million for 1985, the best since the company was rescued by the Government in 1971. Details, page 21. Kenneth Fleet, page 21.

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Labour drops the red flag to woo middle class voters

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

portunities through the state for the individual, and a nine-year-old girl, Hannah Roberts, has been chosen to spearhead the message and appears throughout the glossy publicity material.

Mr Kinnock said: "It is a reassertion of values, a statement of modern policies, a guide for action. They will win both the hearts and the heads of the British people."

The party's policies were aimed at extending "the freedom of the individual, in every family, in every community and every part of the country. That is what we mean by putting people first."

He said Mrs Thatcher's view of freedom was about "freedom for the few, freedom for the rich."

The Militant Tendency attacked the campaign, which it described as "an insult to Labour Party members both past and present who have sacrificed blood and tears to build up the Labour movement."

● The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' national committee at Eastbourne voted by 68 to 33 yesterday to tell the Labour Party national executive that members refusing to heed warnings to withdraw support from Militant should be expelled (the Press Association reports).

● The normally hard-line Scottish TUC yesterday voted for an economic package which did not include calls for large scale nationalization, exchange controls and a ban on foreign investment and did call for a pay policy.



Mr Nezar Hindawi being driven away by the police after appearing at Lambeth Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Senior detectives investigating the alleged plot to blow up an EL Al airliner in midflight have not identified it with any known terrorist group.

They believe the origins were Palestinian, but they also believe there is a link with the bombing of the discotheque in West Berlin which prompted the American strike on Libya. The West Germans arrested Ahmed Nawaf Mansour Hasi, brother of Nezar Hindawi, who is charged with the El Al attempt, after certain letters were found.

It is possible that the small groups now operating in Europe and the Mediterranean act on behalf of their financial backers, such as Libya and Syria, but also practise an independent military policy. Israeli intelligence analysts have pointed to groups such as the May 15 Organization which has left its original Iraqi backers in the past couple of years.

Professor Paul Wilkinson, an Aberdeen University specialist in international terrorism, said yesterday that the group was thought to be part of a loose coalition of Palestinian extremists including the Abu Nidal group.

May 15 terrorists are said to specialize in sophisticated devices that would be useful to the other groups in the coalition.

So far Scotland Yard has not found a link to Abu Nidal, but the Anti-Terrorist Branch and Special Branch have not yet pulled together a complete picture of the alleged plot.

Mahmoud Hindawi, who was involved in his brother's surrender to the police last week, has lived in

Terror 'coalition' at work, professor says

By Michael Horsnell and Stewart Tendler

Britain for many years. He is said to be in his late thirties and has a family here and lives at West Drayton.

At one time he worked at the Jordanian Embassy as a clerk and he now works as an assistant administrator in the medical section of the Qatar Embassy.

The brother arrested in Britain describes himself as a journalist. He has lived in this country off and on since at least 1979 when he met a Polish girl studying English. He eventually married her and left her in Poland. In 1982 he had a brief job as a messenger with the *Al-Arab* newspaper in London but was swiftly fired.

In 1984 he tried to get a job with an Arab business magazine based in London as a writer on the arts. The recommendation was made by other Jordanians, but the editor turned him down.

He met Miss Ann-Marie Doreen Murphy, the girl he is accused of conspiring to murder, between 12 and 18 months ago. She saw him from time to time during the next months as he came and went from Britain.

In January this year he stayed at the Palace Hotel near Marble Arch, sharing a room with another man. He appears to have left Britain, returning earlier this month when he re-entered the life of Miss Murphy, who is now pregnant.

According to Mr. Niall O'Leary, a friend of the family, the real name of the Hindawi brothers is Hasi. The Hasi family adopted the name of the Hindawi clan which is a powerful northern Jordanian clan.

CBI offers blueprint for success in industry

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday responded to recent criticism of inaction by launching its own blueprint of proposals for business, the unions and the Government to achieve industrial and economic success into the next century.

After 12 months of consultation and discussion with members, the CBI has produced a document aimed at every section of the community but which it hopes will be studied by all the main political parties in the run-up to the general election.

After the news at the weekend that a group of private sector industrialists said to be frustrated by CBI lethargy, was establishing a Movement for International Trade, the CBI reacted strongly.

Sir James Clesminson, the CBI president, said yesterday that the organization's latest initiative was aimed at demonstrating that the CBI's purpose was to give leadership and "to make things happen."

He called for an end to the "chronic British complaint of blaming other people for our failures."

He said: "We have to kill off the 'they' syndrome. It is not them, not someone else, who is the problem. If we could accept that we would be making progress."

Sir James said the new programme for action had been finalized at a time of great opportunity.

The new report, which will form the basis for discussion at the CBI's annual conference in November, pulls together many recent CBI demands, including membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, more spending on infrastructure, fewer constraints on business and reduced local authority spending.

Trade unions are urged to be more professional and co-operate with initiatives to achieve business success.

The document is critical of companies which have paid only "lip service" to greater worker involvement. "With honourable exceptions, British companies pay less attention to employee involvement than many of our overseas competitors."

Unionists urge rates boycott

By Richard Ford

Unionist leaders will today unveil plans to increase their campaign of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement when they urge supporters to withhold payment of rates.

They also plan to send a letter to the Prime Minister about the creation of a framework for negotiation aimed at breaking the political deadlock.

The leaders are edging towards resuming a dialogue with the Government, and yesterday the Rev Ian Paisley predicted that they could be talking within two weeks. He insisted that Unionists still want the Government to cease implementing the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Unionist leaders hope that by announcing an escalation of their campaign they will regain the initiative after three weeks of "loyalist" rioting, attacks on the police and Catholics.

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Threat of strike at Heathrow

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

A threatened walkout by customs officers at Heathrow's new terminal four could lead to an all-out strike.

Mr Mike King, national officer of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, said yesterday that his union would bring its members out on strike if management carried out its threat to suspend officers without pay.

The dispute arises from proposed new rosters to cope with the workload from four terminals. Staff objected to particular to a 6 am start on one shift a week, compared with 7 am previously, and have, in effect, operated a one-hour strike each day by not turning up until 7 am.

Customs management said yesterday that they could no longer tolerate this serious breach, and said that continuation would risk officers being sent home without pay.

Alliance is looking for farm vote

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance yesterday embarked on a drive to oust the Conservatives from their position as the party regarded as the friend of the farmers.

It chose the two by-elections in West Derbyshire and Ryedale, Yorkshire, to launch a programme for agriculture which it said would form the basis of recovery and growth.

In a package unveiled at Mallock, Derbyshire, by Mr Richard Livsey, the Liberal agriculture spokesman, and at Ryedale by Mr Robert MacLennan, his SDP counterpart, the Alliance proposed:

- Tax incentives to encourage landlords to let more land and a credit scheme to provide low interest working capital to encourage employment of more local labour.
- Fairer arbitration between landlord and tenant over quotas for milk farmers going out of production.
- Guaranteed prices for set levels of cereal production, with farmers allowed to produce more for disposal at market prices.
- Membership of the European Monetary System to prevent discrimination against British farmers.
- Help for research to promote new crops and enterprises.

The timing of the release of the plan was not surprising because concern over European Community restrictions on output through the quota system and falling farm incomes is clearly an issue in the by-elections.

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● A tax on pollution is urged in a Liberal Party Green Paper on the environment which argues that those who create pollution should pay for prevention and cleaning it up.

Fears over bias in Joseph's under-16s' economics plan

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Schools will soon be expected to run courses on economics for all pupils under the age of 16, in spite of protests that they would be biased politically in favour of the Conservative Party.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday asked the school curriculum development committee to draw up courses on economic awareness. He said these should cover the operation of market forces, the creation of private and public wealth, and taxation.

In a Commons written reply he argued that consultations had shown there was strong support for equipping all pupils with some economic awareness and understanding by the age of 16. He said many people also believed that many school children should have lessons on money matters, provided they were neither too sophisticated nor over-simplified.

But many of those consulted complained that Sir Keith had no business to be involved in details of the school curriculum and implied this was for party political reasons.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers told him they could not accept the role of teachers was "to promote the political doctrines and dogmas supported by the government of today."

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities replied that the approach was "capitalist rather than mixed economy" with reference made to the entrepreneurial employer, but not to public service employers.

Helping hand for movers

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Home buyers and sellers who dread the prospect of moving house will have the assistance of a counsellor offering comfort and practical advice under a new package scheme launched yesterday by the Legal and General Insurance group.

They have joined with the conveyancing company, HomeMove, to form HomeMove, which will offer a comprehensive deal including mortgage, insurance, estate agent, legal services and even a "chainbreaking" service as a last resort.

It can all flow from a single telephone call, and the key to the system is the "hand-holding" counsellor whose job is to soothe the nerves of some of the one million people who move home each year and act as troubleshooters when things go wrong.

Mr Ted Tiley, a director of Legal and General, and chairman of HomeMove, said that for many people moving home was a nightmare.

"They particularly resent having to deal with many seemingly separate institutions in what they see as an uncoordinated, time-consuming and frustrating experience."

Before launching the new service, they commissioned NIP to carry out an opinion poll on house-buying which confirmed the conventional view that the process is one of dismay and trauma.

About 68 per cent of those canvassed regarded the process as "ridiculously complicated," and 78 per cent thought that it would be easy to make the business more efficient.

Part of the trauma comes from the time it takes, and part from the condition of the house into which people move.

Students fail to win order

Students involved in scuffles at Bristol University while protesting at the arrest of Professor John Vincent, who failed in their High Court attempt yesterday to stop disciplinary action against them.

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Satan case 'con' is denied

By Michael West, QC

Mr Michael West, QC, counsel for Derry Mainwaring Knight, the self-styled Satanist, told the jury at Maidstone Crown Court yesterday that his story was "bizarre." But he said the prosecution's case that Mr Knight was a con-man was "moonshine."

Mr West was making his closing speech on the thirty-third day of the trial.

Mr Knight, aged 46, an unemployed painter and decorator, from Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining more than £200,000 by deception from wealthy Christians.

He claims he needed the cash to buy satanic regalia to free himself from the control of the devil. But it is alleged he spent the money on fast cars and women.

Mr West accused the detective leading the investigation, Detective Chief Inspector Terence Faxon, of corrupting witnesses before the start of the trial. Mr West said that Mr Knight had never given evidence before in court and had no need to go into the witness box in this case, "to be made a fool of."

Mr West said: "This is not a case of someone's life savings being taken by a confidence trickster and left penniless. This is a case where the donors had the money, gave the money, could afford it, and wanted to give it - and in the majority of cases still want to give it because they think it is the right and proper thing to do."

"What Knight was doing is not only what Satanists indulge in, but make a fortune out of," Mr West said.

The trial was adjourned until today, when Judge Neil Dennis will sum up.

Protest on full-price spectacles

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Tens of thousands of patients with serious eye conditions that have involved surgery or other hospital treatment will be forced to pay the full private price for their spectacles from July, in some cases £100 or more, the Royal National Institute for the Blind claimed yesterday.

Under government proposals, hospital patients who fail to qualify for the vouchers the Government is to introduce from July, will only be able to get their glasses at NHS prices if the spectacles are dispensed for them by the hospital.

But no hospitals in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales have in-house opticians who dispense glasses, according to the RNIB, and a survey of 96 of the 190 health authorities in England showed that only 13 have in-house dispensing.

"What the Government is in fact proposing is that tens of thousands of patients who have received hospital treatment for their eye conditions will have to pay private prices for spectacles that are medically necessary and which can be very expensive indeed," the institute said.

"They will only be able to get them at NHS prices, which at present range from £13 a pair to £50 a pair, plus frame costs, if the hospital has a dispensing system."

Helicopter safety rules under review

By Ronald Faux

The Civil Aviation Authority is reviewing safety rules for helicopters operating over the North Sea which allow them to carry only enough fuel for the outward journey.

Only one of the four main helicopter operators in the North Sea market refuels offshore, but it is feared others may do the same unless there is regulation by the CAA. A lightly-fuelled helicopter can carry heavier loads or more passengers, relying on being able to land off-shore and take on fuel for the return journey, or of diverting to another platform in an emergency.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal MP for Gordon, said yesterday: "Opponents of this say it is cutting the safety margin. Circumstances might happen where a helicopter would be unprepared to land in poor conditions, but with sufficient fuel it could return to shore."

He said the Chinook aircraft which was forced down in the North Sea in 1984 had been a potentially catastrophic accident, and it was only because a ship was nearby and there was perfect summer weather that everyone survived.

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Scargill claims illegal arrest in 'Starsky and Hutch' operation

The early morning peace of a Yorkshire village, home of Mr. Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, was shattered by the arrival of four police cars, their blue lights flashing, and seven police officers.

The scene could have indicated that a massive crime had occurred, but the police only wanted to question Mr. Scargill over an alleged speeding offence. Mr. Michael Mansfield, representing Mr. Scargill, told a jury at Manchester High Court yesterday.

What happened next amounted to the National Union of Mineworkers' president being falsely imprisoned, Mr. Mansfield alleged. He said Mr. Scargill was told by the police to wait on the pavement outside his house and was stopped from going inside for more than 30 minutes.

After listening to tapes of police radio messages being exchanged, Mr. Mansfield said: "It seems the theme was 'bag Mr. Scargill'."

Mr. Scargill is suing the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, Mr. Peter Wright, in a civil action for exemplary damages for alleged false imprisonment.

The court was told that with reference to the alleged speed-

ing incident, Mr. Scargill, who was said to have driven on the M1 at between 110 mph and 120 mph, appeared in court at Rotherham five months later and was acquitted.

The jury was told yesterday that Mr. Scargill had been in London the night before the incident in July, 1982, for a radio interview with Miss Carol Thatcher, daughter of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

He left London in his Jaguar XJ6 car, in convoy with his chauffeur who was driving a Rover car behind him. Mr. Scargill said there was no question of them exceeding the speed limit because both cars were governed by cruise controls set at 70 mph. He said he saw several police patrol cars but he was not challenged.

When he arrived at his bungalow home at Yew Lane, Worsborough Dale, near Barnsley, he had just opened the boot of his car to get out two cases when the first police car arrived. He was told to wait on the pavement for a motorway patrol car to arrive.

Two other police Rover cars arrived, followed by the patrol vehicle. Mr. Scargill said: "I felt like a criminal standing

there in the middle of the road. The blue lights were flashing. It was like Blackpool illuminations. I told police it looked more like a scene from Starsky and Hutch."

His wife, Mrs. Ann Scargill, who had been watching the incident from a bedroom window, went into the road wearing a dressing gown. Mr. Scargill said: "She asked me 'What is wrong? Has there been a murder?'"

"I said I was sorry, but I could not go inside. She said: 'Don't be silly. Come on in.' But the police officer replied: 'He has got to stay here.'"

"I was under no illusion that I was not in a position to move at all. There is no doubt in my mind that if I had I would have been physically restrained."

Mr. Mansfield, calling for fair and full compensation, told the jury that exemplary damages were awardable "in circumstances surrounding unlawful acts which in your view are oppressive, arbitrary and unconstitutional, an abuse". Mr. Scargill, he said, was the subject of detention without authority for oppressive reasons.

The hearing continues today.



Pe Martyn Coxen, whose dog Yerba was shot dead as it tackled bank raiders in Petts Wood, south London, in 1984, displays a posthumous award for the dog from the Canine Defence League. With him is his new dog, Othello, a nephew of Yerba.

Police are subject of 2,002 complaints

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The number of complaints alleging actual bodily harm referred to the Police Complaints Authority for possible prosecution, was 94 per cent more than forecast.

The authority said yesterday that a survey before it during operations suggested the figure would be about 1,550 cases a year. But in the first eight months since the authority began operations on April 29 last year, it has had 2,002 complaints referred.

The Police Complaints Authority succeeded the Police Complaints Board. The introduction of the independent supervision of investigations is the most significant change in procedure.

Referring to the difference between the forecast and actual figures, the report says: "We believe that this variation is a result of the criteria adopted by some police forces for the purposes of the survey being different from those now required under the Act, rather than any dramatic increase in the number of complaints of assault."

The authority said that one example of the way in which the system was never intended to be used was the blatant "for-fail" complaint: "You withdraw the charge, and I'll withdraw the complaint."

The authority is forbidden to publish detailed information from the investigating officers' report, other than a summary or other general statement. It wants the discretion to publish so much of an investigation report as it judges to be in the public interest.

Annual Report On The Police Complaints Authority: 29 April - 31 December 1985 (Stationery Office: £6.85).

Portfolio Gold

Four readers of The Times shared yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in the Portfolio Gold competition.

One of them, Mr Dawood Nahaboo, had always intended to check his card but until he took a day off had not found time to fill it in.

"I enjoyed my first leisurely breakfast for months, played Portfolio Gold and found to my delight I had won", Mr Nahaboo, aged 39, a debt collector, of New Southgate, London, explained.

The second winner, Mr Lionel Page, aged 50, a sales agent from Norwich, said: "I am very thrilled. When the game first started two years ago, I came within one point of winning but I never gave up hope."

His share will go towards renovating his country home.

The third winner is Mr P Dixon of Leamington Spa, and the fourth winner is Mr Dismas Matunda, aged 21, an overseas student from Zambia studying at Keele University. He said he had been playing Portfolio for the past year.

You will need the new Portfolio Gold card to play the game. If you have any difficulty in obtaining one from your newspaper, send a s.a.e. to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.



Mr Nahaboo

Model reluctantly acted death scene

A model told a jury yesterday that she reluctantly agreed to act out a death scene with a noose for Geoffrey Jones, an amateur film maker who is accused of hanging another model.

Mrs Tina Atter, aged 26, said Mr Jones wanted to film her with the noose around her neck as if she were dead.

She told Birmingham Crown Court that after refusing several times she played out the scene, standing on a chair with the noose around her neck and the rope draped over a plank across a ceiling trapdoor.

Asked if she had realised it was a real sliding noose and that her life would be in danger if she fell, Mrs Atter, of Hall Green, Birmingham, replied: "I must admit I didn't think of it at the time."

Mr Jones, aged 49, has denied murdering Marion Terry, aged 17, at his home in Eggington Road, Hall Green, last year.

Mr Brian Escott-Cox, for the prosecution, said Mr Jones was a "bizarre and warped" man who liked to see girls in black satin dresses.

Mr Escott-Cox alleged that after persuading Marion to stand on a chair with the noose around her neck Mr Jones kicked the chair away and she was hanged.

Mr Jones's girlfriend, Mrs Margaret Pugh, aged 40, a divorcee, of Great Barr, Birmingham, said Mr Jones rang her after Marion's death and asked her to call an ambulance because he had swallowed 100 aspirins. She said he told her: "I have hung a girl and I deserve punishment."

The trial continues today.

Four found guilty of golfball theft

By Craig Seton

The owners of the Betty Golf Course in Warwickshire claimed an historic legal victory yesterday when four men who "fished" 448 "lost" golfballs from its lakes and water hazards, were found guilty of stealing.

The defence had claimed that the men were merely involved in a "modern form of scrumping", but Mr Rene Brunet, the general manager of the championship course, said the unanimous decision of the jury at Warwick Crown Court had established that abandoned golf balls belonged to the club where they were lost.

Mr Brunet said after the two-day trial: "I am delighted. I was told this was a test case in the history of golf, and I am sure everyone in the UK and across the world will be happy at the result."

"People picking up the odd ball are not a problem, but when it is 448, it is an important matter."

The jury took nearly four hours to convict John Forrester, aged 24, and Peter Forrester, aged 22, his brother, both of Rnbery, Birmingham. Christopher McGilfray, aged 25, of Weoley Castle, Birmingham, and Stephen Smith, aged 22, also of Rnbery. The men, all unemployed, were conditionally discharged for 12 months.

They had pleaded not guilty to stealing the balls, worth 50p each, which the club said were among 10,000 mislaid by golfers into water each year on the course.

Dog fight accused misses hearing

The caretaker allegedly at the centre of an organised dog fight at his school failed to attend a court hearing for the second time yesterday.

Alexander Funk, aged 29, of Aldersbrook Primary School, Harpenden Road, Watford, east London, sent a medical certificate saying he was unfit. He had been released from hospital on Monday and his counsel said he received head injuries while trying to prevent a pub robbery.

The prosecution claims Mr Funk was promoter of a dog fight at the school last October. Mr Giles Forrester, for the prosecution, said police who raided the school found a dead dog in a plastic bag in the boiler house. Mr Funk is alleged to have been cleaning up blood.

His counsel, Mr Nigel Ingram, has entered not guilty pleas to two summonses of assisting in dog fighting and permitting the school to be used. Five other men deny assisting in dog fighting and aiding and abetting.

Mr Ingram said Mr Funk, who works as a doorman at the Green Man public house, Leytonstone, was injured when he tried to disarm men attempting to rob the pub on Friday night. Mr Funk, who now lives at Cobden Road, Leytonstone, sent a certificate stating he was unfit to attend court until April 28.

Mr Forrester asked for a second medical examination by a divisional surgeon and the court was adjourned for this to be arranged.

The case was adjourned until June 2.

Directors' pay up by 9.7%

By Teresa Poole

Managers' and directors' wages rose well ahead of the inflation rate last year and more quickly than the salaries of manual workers.

Directors' earnings went up by 9.7 per cent, bringing the average annual income to £42,099, and managers' total earnings rose by 9 per cent to give an average of £19,544.

But Sir Peter Parker, chairman of the British Institute of Management which commissioned the 1986 National Management Salary Survey published yesterday, said that managers were still underpaid compared with salaries paid in the City.

Over the same period the increase in the average adult male manual wage was 7.2 per cent. White-collar workers were paid an extra 7.7 per cent. The retail price index went up by 6.1 per cent.

The higher rewards of management are increasingly being linked to company profitability. The survey shows that British businesses are following the trend of overseas companies in offering bonus payments related to company or personal performance in order to motivate management.

Nearly two in five companies have introduced a savings-related shares option scheme and more than one in five have a profit-sharing scheme. The bonus element for directors accounted for an average 15 per cent of total earnings and for managers it was 8.6 per cent.

For the first time the survey looked specifically at the salaries of women directors and managers who accounted for 4 per cent of the survey sample. Women were less well paid than men in similar jobs but were on average five years younger. Female earnings increased by 10.5 per cent compared with 1985: the figure for their male colleagues was 9 per cent.

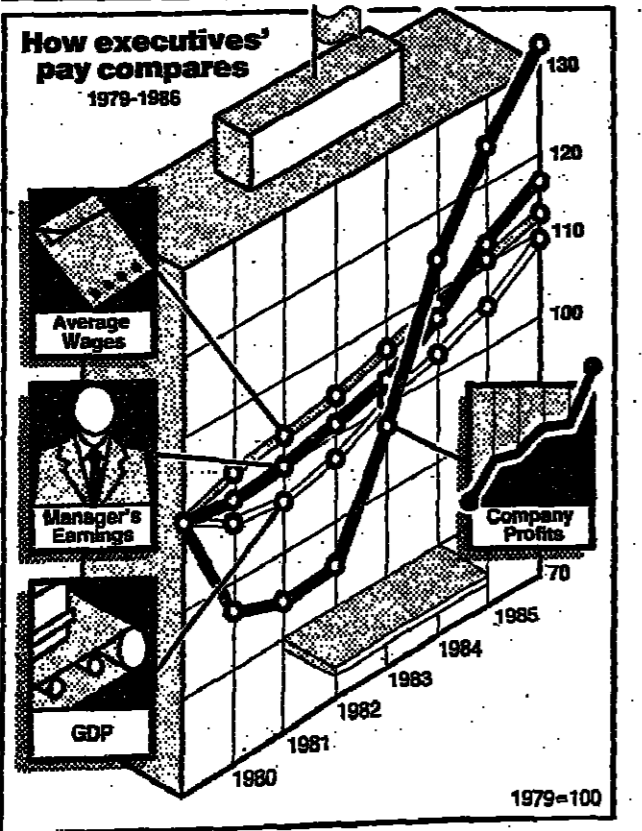
A regional breakdown showed that managers and directors in the South-west and Wales are the best rewarded outside London and that pay increases were highest in East Anglia.

The highest wage rises were in the chemicals, energy and allied industries (10.5 per cent), in vehicles, electrical and instrument engineering (10.5 per cent), and in distribution (10 per cent).

Salary data was correct on January 1 and is based on 23,411 executives employed at 366 companies.

National Management Salary Survey 1986 (Remuneration Economics, Survey House, 51 Portland Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2SH: £125).

Industry	Industry average £
Banking, finance, insurance and business service	23,387
Chemicals, energy and allied industries	22,142
Mixed industry groups	21,494
Technical and scientific, transport and communications	20,499
Food, drink and tobacco	20,457
Whole sample (21,737 managers)	19,544
Vehicles, electrical and instrument engineering	19,211
Mechanical engineering	18,795
Distribution	18,519
Paper, printing and publishing	18,115
Other non-manufacturing industries	17,570
Textiles, leather, clothing and footwear	17,425
Construction	15,766
Metal manufacture and other metal goods	13,792
Other manufacturing industries	13,750



Prestel clampdown after 'misuse'

British Telecom ordered a massive security clampdown on Prestel in 1983 after discovering the system was being abused. Drastic action was taken to "hacker-proof" the system after it was discovered that Prestel's scratch pad - a data base on which subscribers could experiment - was being misused, a jury at Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

"It was eventually withdrawn because there seemed to be some sort of problem," Mr Andrew Barwood, a Prestel official, said.

But he denied an allegation by defence counsel, Mr Alistair Kelman, that "by early 1984 hundreds of kids were hacking away into Prestel, diving in and out of different data bases causing chaos".

"Not to my knowledge," Mr Barwood told the jury.

Asked by Mr Kelman if he had ever heard of the "buck fuzzy fan club" Mr Barwood, a clerical officer with Prestel, replied "no". He also denied seeing a computer frame showing the cartoon character Buzz.

His evidence came on the seventh day of the trial of two alleged computer hackers - Stephen Gold, aged 30, of Watt Lane, Sheffield, and Robert Schifreen, aged 22, of Edgewarebury Gardens, Edgware, north London - who deny forgery between October 1984 and January 1985.

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Marconi, Marie Curie, Gustav Dalén, Henry Ford. Who's the odd one out?

Grazie, Signor Marconi for your radio. Merci, Madame Curie for radium. Thanks, Henry Ford for your motors. Tack, Dr. Gustav Dalén for the Aga cooker.

No, Dr. Dalén is not the odd one out. Yes, he is the only Swede.

He was also, like Guglielmo Marconi and Marie Curie, a Nobel Prize-winning scientist. You've probably never heard of him, so who was Gustav Dalén? He is the man to whom thousands of seamen owe their lives; because he invented a thing called Dalén's Sun Valve that turns a lighthouse's lights on by night and puts them out by day, automatically. That's why they gave him the Nobel Prize.

He was the scientist so dedicated to his work that he was blinded in an explosion during one of his experiments, yet he still went on later to complete the experiment.

He was also the man who invented the only cooker in the world that roasts, bakes, boils, stews, steams, simmers, fries, braises, grills, casseroles and toasts, yes toasts (bet you thought an Aga couldn't, didn't you?) perfectly.

More than that, though, what Dr. Dalén did in 1922 was to reinvent the cooker.

He simply couldn't find a cooker in existence to satisfy his exacting scientific standards.

So combining his knowledge of combustion, metallurgy and nutrition with kitchen common sense, he invented the Aga.

Despite the advent of microwaves and fan ovens, there is still nothing in the world that cooks food better than an Aga.

Remembering what a pain it is waiting for the oven to heat up, Gustav Dalén made sure you never have to do that with his Aga. It's ready anytime.

Then, pondering the inscrutable riddle of the boiling-plate, he came up with a simmering plate big enough to hold three saucepans that won't let them boil over. Ever.

The boiling plate, though, boils a pint of water faster than an electric kettle. It holds three saucepans, too.

More interesting, perhaps, is the fact that our Dr. Dalén just might have been psychic.

Well, can you think of any other cooker that runs throughout the day on cheap rate overnight electricity? Believe us, there isn't one.

To Gustav Dalén, making a cooker run on the principle of stored heat was just the most efficient way to make it. It still is.

But how was he to know the Central Electricity Generating Board would come up with 'night storage' if he wasn't psychic?

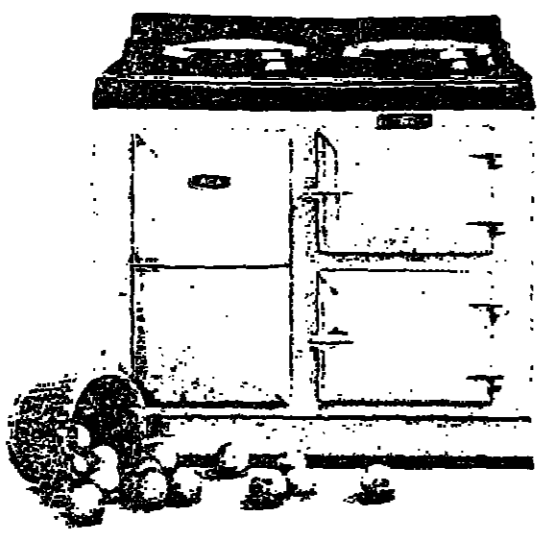
Anyway, since you can now buy an electric Aga (as well as one that runs on natural gas, LPG, oil or solid fuel), it's the only cooker in the world that can run on nothing but off-peak electricity.

Impressed? We thought you might be. If you'd like to see a live Aga, any of our distributors can show you one. Or you can write to us at Aga, Freeport, Ketterley, Telford TF1 3BR and we'll tell you all about them.

Oh yes, who is the odd one out? It's Henry Ford. You know him. He's odd because he was no scientist. He was just clever enough to sell cars by the million, saying: "Any colour you like so long as it's black."

Well, you can buy an Aga in green, blue, red, brown, cream, white or even gloriously black vitreous enamel.

Psychic or not, the only really odd thing about Gustav Dalén is that his name wasn't Gustav Aga.



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Protests at Thatcher statement that US chose weapons for raid

Labour MPs protested strongly when Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that the Americans had had the choice of weapons when they launched the raid against Libya. She was answering Mr Norman Baxham (Paisley South, Lab), who had asked whether the Americans could have used a nuclear bomb.

Earlier, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, had demanded direct sanctions against Libya, and an end of EEC food subsidies to that country. Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East C), Mrs Thatcher is to visit Israel, and the United Kingdom is to take over the presidency of the Council of Ministers at the end of June.

Will she consider carefully the advantages of another EEC initiative for the Middle East settlement because it is not only a matter of specifically important anti-terrorist measures, but of dealing with the fundamental problem of the Middle East, and the Americans do not seem to be making much progress on that.

Mrs Thatcher: He is right. Since the end of King Hussein's initiative, there have been no new formal proposals. I was able to discuss certain practical steps with him, and I hope to take that forward when I visit Israel, and to talk to the United States about this.

We take over the EEC presidency in July. I consider what he says, but I think it advisable to get more agreement on the steps forward before launching an initiative. Mr Kinnock: Can she tell us whether the action against 21 Libyan students is the beginning of further steps to isolate Colonel Gaddafi, and whether they will include the imposition of economic sanctions and the cancellation of credits and subsidies for food from the EEC.

Mrs Thatcher: The Home Secretary will be answering questions about the operations later. It is an action we felt was legitimate and desirable in all the circumstances. We are considering further the matter of Libyan pupils and further action we could take. Mr Kinnock: Will she be aware of actions which the EEC decided to take, and the meeting of foreign ministers will be continued.

Mr Kinnock: In the light of that answer, can she say whether she has ruled out the possibility of economic sanctions against Libya, as reported in The Daily Telegraph, if that is true, it would be cynical and inconsistent, given the support for bombing of Libya last week.

Mrs Thatcher: The refusal to sell military equipment is a direct economic sanction of a specific kind which we took. It has not been taken, apparently, by all the EEC countries. Sanctions as a whole will only work if everybody operates them, but there are some which we took unilaterally as Mr Kinnock is very much aware.

The matter of food has to be pursued through the EEC, and we made our views known strongly to the Commission when they set out the management committee and decided on special export subsidies for food to Libya. Mr Kinnock: Will she make further representations and put all possible pressure on the European allies to exercise the power they must have so as to impose economic sanctions which are more effective against Gaddafi while not so lethal to his people?

Libyan crisis

Hurd explains why expulsions were necessary

means all Libyans now here are friends or supporters of Gaddafi. Mr Hurd: My decisions were taken in the interest of national security by virtue of Section 15 (3) of the Immigration Act 1971.

Those concerned have a constitutional right to make representations to a panel of three advisers. They have been told of this right and some have already indicated they do not wish to exercise it.

Mr Hurd: There are about 1,800 here and many are to be reckoned as critics or opponents of the Gaddafi regime. In the case of the 21 expelled, the information about their organizing activity in support of the regime after last week's events and decided that their presence here in present circumstances was in fact dangerous to national security.

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COMMENTARY

Less optimistic about Europe

My impression is that the pressure is very strong only in those parts of America where the local economy is dominated by a declining industry, that it is nonetheless magnified in Congress for electoral reasons.

But he was much less optimistic about Europe. "Unless the EEC countries find a way to address their unemployment problem," he warned, "there will be continual increasing pressure on the EEC to become more protectionist."

He would therefore like to see European governments deliberately expanding their economies so as to relieve unemployment. Whether this is really necessary to reduce European pleas for protection may be questioned.

But it is agricultural trade that is causing most anxiety to American policymakers at the moment. Mr Baldrige and his colleagues are particularly indignant at the increasing discrimination against US farming exports which will be one of the side effects of Spanish and Portuguese accession to the European Community.

This grievance too, needs to be set in broader perspective. So long as there is over-subsidization of agricultural production on both sides of the Atlantic there are bound to be a succession of specific complaints.

It was therefore encouraging to hear Mr Baldrige acknowledge the falling on both sides. "We think that you have in the EEC an aggressive agricultural policy to so far as its effects on world trade go," he said. But he hastened to add that "our own agricultural policy is just as bad if not worse than the EEC."

These remarks point towards a readiness to consider a fundamental reassessment of agricultural support policies. My main conclusion, though, is that international trade problems are a symptom of a deeper disorder. In a world of floating exchange rates there is a greater need for international agreement on policies of economic management.

The best hope for averting a trade war between the United States is giving a lead in that direction.

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Parliament today

COMMONS

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Better communication essential to improve industry, minister says

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Two-way communication between management and employees was an essential part of the cure for the British disease, Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said last night. But he said in the Stockton lecture at the London Business School that the communication breakdown in British industry went far beyond poor management and hostile trade unions. "The real culprits are bedded deep down in our national history and culture. The whole thrust of changes in our economy since the late 19th century has been anti-enterprise. There had been a century of mistrust and, although last year saw the lowest number of strikes for nearly 50 years, Lord Young said that the "virus of the British disease" - the underlying and entrenched attitude of "us and them" - still existed in the system. Education had little contact with and no regard for industry, finance had little concern for small business and new enterprise, industrial relations put a premium on conflict and confrontation, and the industrial system sought protection at home and abroad. Lord Young said that pay bargaining had been the "key failure" of industry and he said that profit sharing and share ownership, rather than union confrontation, would provide employers with the best job protection because they would ensure that people received a share of the rewards of success, and would force them to "adjust their efforts to the fruits of failure". The Government had also helped to even the balance of power between management and unions with its industrial relations legislation. But Lord Young added: "An even more important approach is to improve management's relations with employees. The first law of management is good communication. The second law of management is to communicate often. When all in a company feel part of it, they take responsibility and accept involvement." Without communication, there was enmity and that soured the whole work relationship. Lord Young cited Hewlett Packard, Hitachi, Pirelli, Sanyo, Marks & Spencer and John Lewis as working examples of companies which had broken through "the sound barrier" of understanding between management and workforce. He said: "What is important is not the form of ownership, or the structure of the companies. It is, I contend, the nature of the communication, between all who work together. If that can be extended to a form of ownership - good. If it can be introduced by having a community of interest in the profits of the enterprise - so much the better. But if it can be introduced by frequent communication, which, if I might be allowed a gentle reminder, includes listening, then so much the best."

Expenses 'fiddle' man jailed

A former member of the Conservative Party's national executive was jailed for three months on Monday for cheating on his expenses. The world of Colin Porter, aged 48, began to fall apart when his longstanding marriage broke up. Sheffield Crown Court was told. He moved from Doncaster to become steward of a Conservative club in Blackpool but continued as a member of South Yorkshire county council. He falsely claimed £777 from the council early last year for travelling expenses from Blackpool to South Yorkshire when he was staying with friends in Doncaster, said Mr William Lowe, prosecuting.

Driving ban for Coleman

David Coleman, the sports commentator, was banned from driving for a year yesterday at Beaconsfield magistrates' court and fined £250 for a drink-driving offence. Coleman, aged 59, of Pipers Lane, Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, was just over double the legal limit. He admitted the offence.

Rugby charge

The Welsh rugby international David Bishop, aged 25, of Whitchurch Road, Cardiff, appeared before Blackwood magistrates, Gwent, yesterday accused of causing actual bodily harm during a match to the Newbridge player Chris Jarman, aged 24. The hearing was adjourned for two weeks.

Python hunt

A 14-foot python described as extremely dangerous because it has not been fed for a month, is being sought by Leicester police. The python, and a six-foot boa-constrictor, disappeared after raiders broke into a garage near Braunston Frith.

Sniffing check

Eight junior soldiers at the Prince of Wales depot at Crickhowell, Powys, have been interviewed by military police concerning allegations that they took part in solvent sniffing at the camp.

Political claims of TV bias 'ignorant'

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Director-General of the BBC, Mr Alasdair Milne, accused politicians yesterday of condemning television for bias out of ignorance. His counter-attack against accusations of political bias came the day after Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, said that television coverage had swayed public opinion against the raid on Libya because it concentrated on civilian victims and not military targets. Mr Milne, speaking at a conference on politics and the media at Goldsmiths' College in London said: "With the greatest respect for the lead they (politicians) have to carry, for the interminable hours they have to put in, I suggest their criticism would have greater weight if they thought more carefully about the reasons they adduce for saying a given programme is superficial or tendentious or badly argued. Those views no longer command automatic deference. And attacking television as biased to left or right cannot do more than temporarily rally their own troops." "Politicians possessed a sort of "political colour blindness". "They tend to see what they want to see, or, rather, don't want to see," he said. Parliament had the biggest say in how broadcasting was to be organized and financed but its members had far less time than the rest of the public to see for themselves what the programmes were like. "If television has anything like the importance imputed to it, it is argued that it often sets the political agenda, then it is not unreasonable to expect our legislators to sample its offerings with greater frequency." Mr Milne said that not only did politicians perpetually express judgements but in turn were judged day in and day out. Their instinct was to look for misrepresentation. Meanwhile, programme makers always had their antennae out to sense whether it was possible they might be used. They looked for conspiracies, and saw issues with the clarity of observers without connections, issues they thought were being fudged by politicians with seemingly all too many connections. "We have here absolutely the makings of an antagonistic set-up," Mr Milne said.

Science report

Clue to early cancer test

By Andrew Wiseman

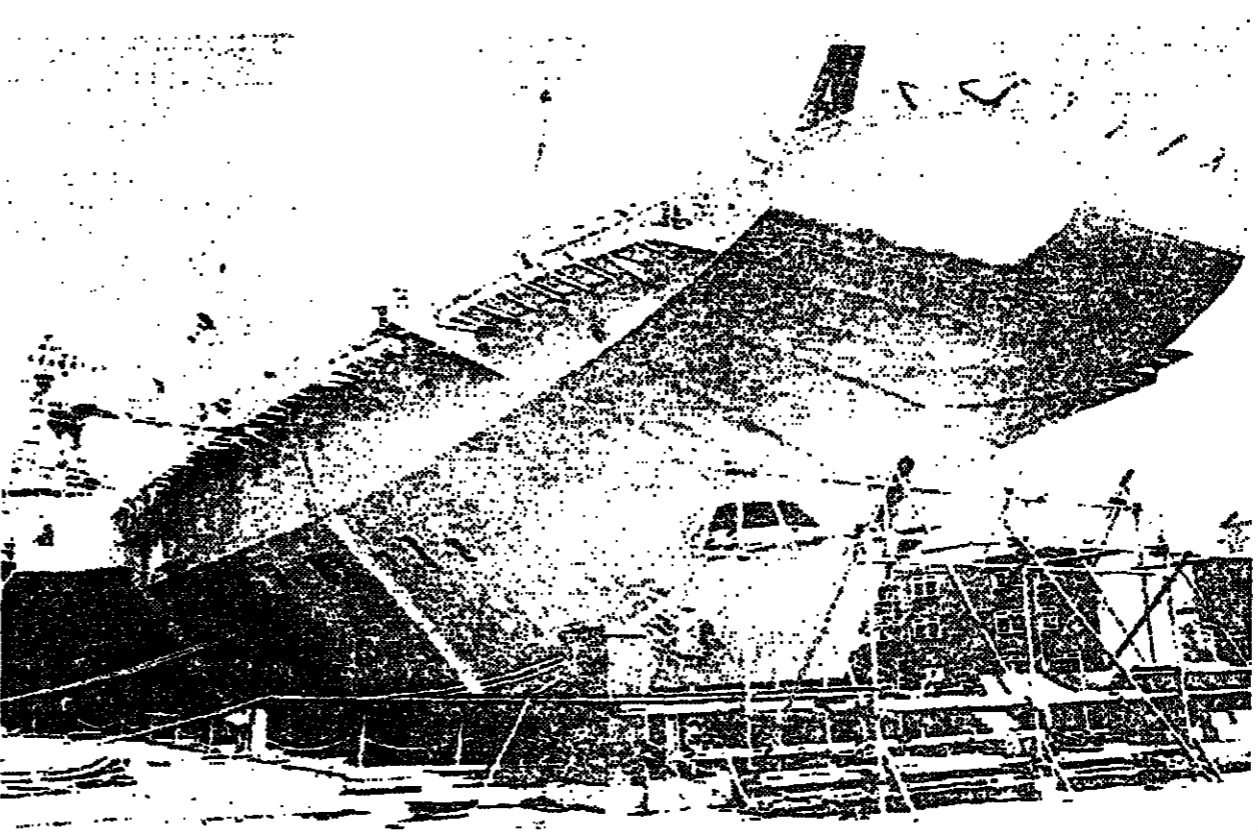
Scientists studying how living organisms react to a specific biological substance might have to wait hours, if not days, before they can analyze the results of an experiment. During that time many processes unconnected with the tests will have begun within the cell, making it difficult to be precise about the effect, for example, a particular hormone was having. A marker is needed to signpost biochemical responses to hormonal stimulation as they happen before other changes occur. One such indicator has been found by scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science to be the enzyme creatine kinase (CK). It has also thrown up a possible early test for cancer. The scientists established that after hormones or related substances had been administered to tissues in laboratory experiments, CK production increased within 60 minutes. They found that was also the first change which occurred when cells grew or divided, and, most importantly, that the level of CK could be measured. Because of these characteristics Professor Alvin M. Kaye, who holds the chair of molecular endocrinology at the Weizmann Institute, in collaboration with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, has been able to diagnose surgically-removed breast tumours which had responded to oestrogen, suggesting that the patients concerned could benefit from anti-oestrogen therapy. When his group studied CK production in human breast tissues, they found that about 50 per cent of malignant tumours responded to oestrogen within two hours, compared to more than 80 per cent of normal breast samples. That confirmed that mammary tumours reacted differently to oestrogen stimulation. The phenomenon had been suggested in previous, more complicated, tests. The new quick and direct measurement of biological responses to oestrogen stimulation was made possible by the behaviour and properties of CK. Other tests involving the measurement of CK production revealed that vitamin D could be essential not only for the growth of bones, but also of the brain and kidneys. Professor Kaye and his team are now studying the part played by CK in the normal growth and regulation of the development of cells. They have already found that when nuclei of rats are stimulated by oestrogen, the genetic instruction for the synthesis of CK is doubled within the first hour.

Money and the National Trust: 3

A sales drive without the hard sell

Today the National Trust will acquire another piece of cultural property, but it is not a mansion, Biddulph Grange, a flamboyant Victorian mansion in north Staffordshire, was a hospital for more than 50 years until the West Midlands area health authority decided to sell it. But when the National Trust decided to bid for part of the estate, it aimed not for the house but for its immense garden which includes massive stone monuments and an Egyptian temple and Chinese garden. It was all put together by the first private owner well over 100 years ago. Enough has survived to make the trust's latest acquisition the finest surviving example of a mid-Victorian garden fashioned with the wealth of a successful entrepreneur. The cost of restoring such a colossal and imaginative patchwork will be immense. The trust has decided to meet the cost of maintaining such treasures by exploring every possible way of increasing its income, now at about £70 million a year.

The National Trust has decided that it must do more selling to raise enough money for the upkeep of its vast estates. But, as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the last of three articles, any such venture will be in the best possible taste. Some of its most delicate plans involve increasing its efforts at sales and marketing. Its staff are reluctant to discuss detailed plans at this early stage, but they are determined to do nothing which would damage the trust's reputation. A jazzy sales drive that brought in less money than was lost in subscriptions and gifts from affronted supporters would be futile. But the arrival of Dame Jennifer Jenkins as chairman of the trust makes a sales drive certain. She was chairman for more than 10 years of the Consumers' Association, a body that has pushed forward an immensely successful business through the magazine *Which?* and its offshoots. Dame Jennifer has said that she wants trust shops to open in as many historic towns and cities as possible. There are already several shops in the trust's properties, but many of the properties are closed for part of each year. She said that the trust wanted to double its income of £1.6 million a year from trading activities. "One urgent and expensive task is to repair and find suitable new uses for the many redundant farm buildings and lesser buildings attached to historic houses", Dame Jennifer explained in her first speech to trust members. "We have for some time recognized that we can and must do more to generate income ourselves for the work that is essential if we are to overtake the backlog," she said. Mr Robin Harland, trust appeals manager, said that it needed to work harder to find business sponsorship. "We decided to identify business as a target and we are searching Manchester, Birmingham and the West Midlands. We need money to buy parts of the Welsh coast. "There is all too much coastal land on offer in Wales at the moment, and a lot of people in the western half of England use the Welsh coast. "We have got to research our potential much more carefully and beaver away at identifying packages that people will like. "We have to end up being able to put somebody on the ground with a limited portfolio of National Trust causes which he can sell to business", Mr Harland said. The trust also wants to make more use of contacts with its growing membership. Mr David Beeton, trust secretary, said that membership was now managed separately from other trust activities. "Common threads do not get followed up. If we get more income from mail order as, say, the World Wildlife Fund, we would be very pleased. "But all these things must be done with the greatest care. The reputation of the trust is so valuable." Concluded



The aircraft carrier HMS Hermes after entering Devonport Dockyard yesterday. She will undergo a five-month refit before being handed to her new owner, the Indian Navy.

HMS Hermes is sold to Indian Navy

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

HMS Hermes, the aircraft carrier which was flagship of the British task force during the Falklands conflict, has been sold to India. The agreement was signed last weekend, and it is understood that the price is about £50 million. Although confirming that the sale had been agreed, the Ministry of Defence would not confirm that India was the buyer on the ground that any such announcement should come from the buying country. However, discussions have been in progress between the two countries over the future of the Hermes since at least last June and there is no doubt that India is the buyer. The 24,000-ton carrier entered service with the Royal Navy in 1959, but since the spring of 1984, until recently, she had been at anchor at Portsmouth and used only for training. She has been available to go to sea if necessary at 30 days' notice. She was towed to Plymouth a month ago after preliminary agreement on the sale had been reached, and yesterday went into dry dock at the Royal Dockyard at Devonport. She will undergo a refit expected to last about five months before being handed over to the Indian Navy. Two hundred Indian sailors are expected to join the Hermes at Devonport in the next few weeks, with more arriving during the refit. It has been the policy of the Government to dispose of the Hermes once three of the Invincible-class carriers were in service. That position was achieved last November when HMS Ark Royal became operational. The Ark Royal, however, is the only one of the three available at the moment because HMS Invincible has recently begun a long refit at Devonport and HMS Illustrious will be under repair until late July after a fire in a gear-box. The sale of the Hermes will be a final disappointment to many supporters of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, some of whom had continued to hope, against all the evidence, that the Hermes might have been retained for the Royal Navy because of her value in amphibious operations. The Indian Navy already has one British-built carrier, the Vikramt, and has eight Harrier short-take-off-and-vertical-landing aircraft, with another 10 on order from British Aerospace, which could be operated from Hermes.

Device 'sniffs out' hidden explosives

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A portable instrument that detects vapours from concealed explosives is under test by security experts. Vapours at concentrations as low as one part in 100,000 million parts of air, are uncovered in two seconds. The equipment is a more sensitive version of apparatus used, together with metal detectors, to monitor visitors for hidden explosives, installed at the House of Commons. The device was developed by Analytical Instruments, of Cambridge, a firm that diversified into industrial and personal security systems 18 years ago, initially with instruments for gas-leak detection. In addition to developing detectors for the Armed Forces, police and security services in 50 countries, banks and industry, a specialist subsidiary, AI Security, makes remote-control robots for tracing suspect vapours. Imperceptible amounts of vapour are pinpointed by the use of gas chromatography. The inventors say that the device measures only the molecules found in explosive vapours from nitroglycerine, nitrobenzenes and the newer, more elaborate explosives. The instrument, costing about £6,000, distinguishes between vapours from explosives and those from non-explosive material with a similar chemical composition.

Author apologizes to Lord Dudley

Lord Dudley, aged 60, received a public apology in the High Court in London yesterday from the author and publishers of the book, *Princess Michael of Kent*, over references which reflected on his honour and integrity. Mr Peter Lane, the author, and Robert Hale Ltd, the publishers, agreed to remove all the references from future editions of the book, and to pay Lord Dudley's legal costs. Announcing settlement of the libel action his counsel, Mr Richard Rampton, told Mr Justice Hutchison that the book contained imputations against Lord Dudley's motives and attitudes which were without foundation, and were a grave reflection upon his honour and personal integrity. Mr Adler, aged 72, the musician, yesterday won undisclosed libel damages against Express Newspapers over a suggestion that he charged a fee to guests at the launch party of his autobiography, *It Ain't Necessarily So*. The item in the *Daily Express* William Hickey column in October, 1984, was headed "You Don't Necessarily Go." His counsel, Mr Richard Rampton, told Mr Justice Hutchison in the High Court that the article confused the launch party at Maxim's restaurant with a dinner cabaret performed by Mr Adler at Maxim's the same evening. The newspaper agreed to pay Mr Adler's legal costs.

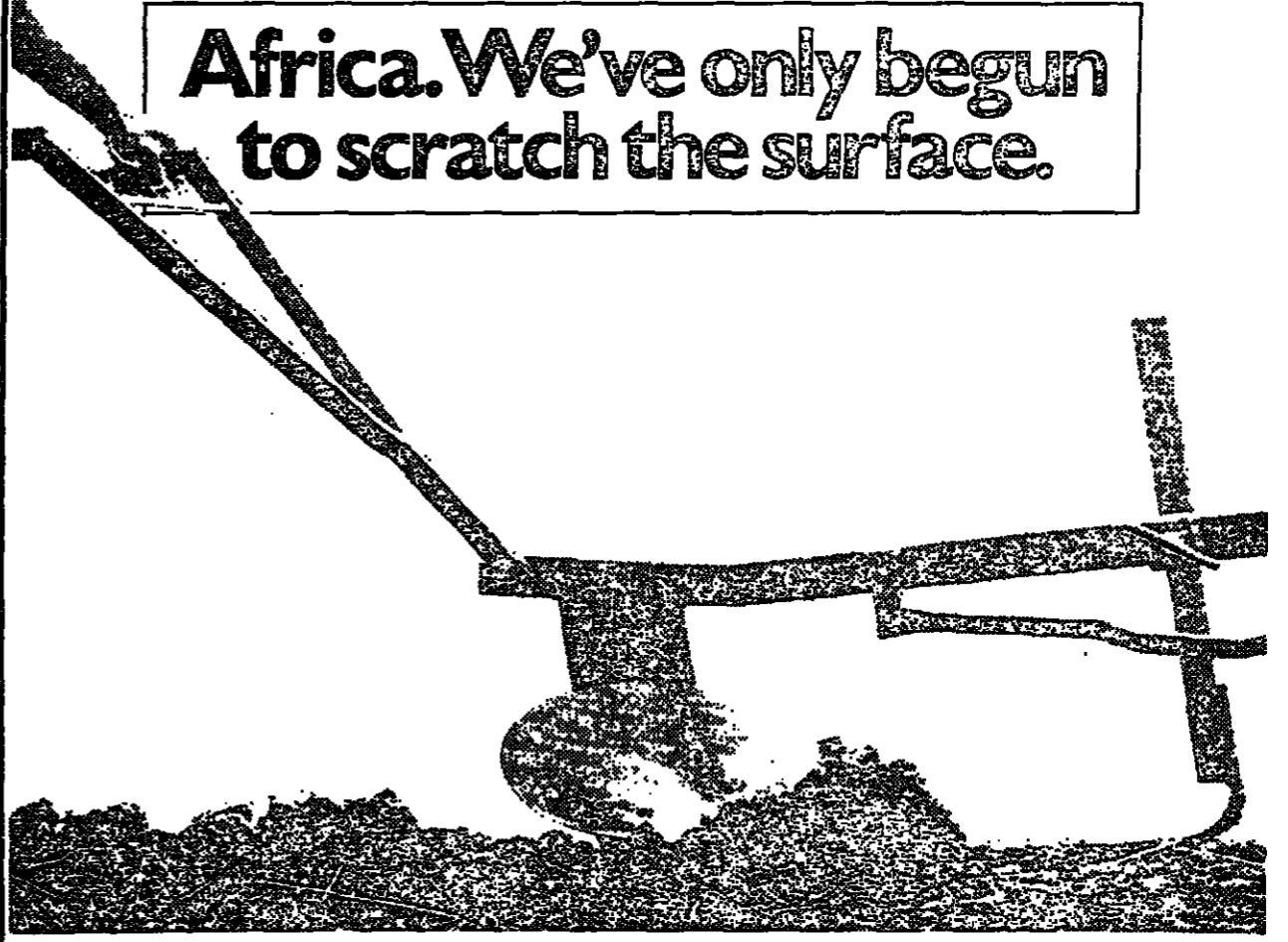
Solicitors' fear over rules of conduct

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society is opposing government proposals to extend the Financial Services Bill giving ministers and the new Investments Board power to direct changes in the profession's rules of conduct. The society and other professional bodies which set their own rules of conduct, fear that the board, which is being set up to regulate investment business, would have power to determine how they operate. A decision on the proposal is expected at the Bill's report stage at the end of this month. The society is particularly concerned because it is already one of the most strictly regulated professional bodies. A spokesman said yesterday: "The society is set up under statute and our professional rules are made under statute, in consultation with the Master of the Rolls. "We are therefore already regulated through the judiciary because of that process of consultation, and the proposal would mean powers going to the executive, which could create a conflict of interest." Under the Bill, the Government has a similar power to direct rule changes in respect of organizations, the so-called "self-regulating organizations", which will be authorized to regulate investments by groups such as life insurance companies. But the Law Society says it would be wrong to bracket the professions with such organizations. Unlike solicitors, they are not already subject to statutory regulation. The Bill makes it an offence to carry on investment business without authorization, usually from the Secretary of State through the new Investments Board, or membership of a self-regulating organization. The society is conducting a survey to find out what proportion of the profession's total income comes from investment income. It may be difficult to produce an accurate picture because, normally, investment services are not separately costed or charged for, it says.

Share charges

Three company directors accused of conspiring to obtain British Telecom shares - Stephen Conway, of Loughborough, Essex; Roy Conway, of Southgate, north London; and Michael Collins, of Radlett, Hertfordshire - were remanded on bail until May 20 at Bow Street yesterday.



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The rest of the news is bad. Africa's crisis still runs deep. Millions still face starvation, particularly now in the Sudan, Ethiopia and Mozambique. The crisis will go on till Africa's poor have the means and the opportunity to support themselves. We've begun to scratch the surface of the problem, but that's all. We have to go deeper in tackling the causes. Your help is still needed. Don't stop now.

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EEC opts for increased diplomatic effort to explain European view

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

In the wake of its decision drastically to reduce the numbers of Libyan diplomats in Europe and to take action against Libyan students, journalists and trade officials who are suspected of subversive activities, the EEC plans a state of diplomatic activity to explain the European view to the United States, Arab countries, non-aligned nations and Libya itself.

As EEC Foreign Ministers ended their two-day meeting here yesterday, there was confusion over how the EEC message would be conveyed to Tripoli.

The Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Theodoros Pangalos, wanted the EEC to send a contact group to Libya headed by Mr Hans van den Broek, the Dutch Foreign Minister and current President of the Council of Ministers. Greece proposed direct EEC talks with Colonel Gaddafi after Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, held talks in Athens on Friday with Mr Ahmed Shahati, Secretary of State at the Libyan Foreign Ministry.

The Greeks had initially

opposed the new EEC package of anti-Libyan measures, and insisted on the contact group as part of the price for their consent.

However, a spokesman for Mr van den Broek said yesterday there was no question of a meeting with Colonel Gaddafi. The EEC view would be conveyed to Tripoli through diplomatic channels, the spokesman said, and Tripoli would respond in the same way. Mrs Lynda Chalker, junior Foreign Office minister, also said that no contact group had been set up.

Mr van den Broek is due to go to India with the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who succeeds him as President of the Council in July - and M Jacques Poos, the Luxembourg Foreign Minister, who preceded him.

The EEC thinks hopes that India, as head of the non-aligned movement, will help to institute an international dialogue on terrorism designed to avert further American military action. The EEC has also begun a dialogue with Arab states on the causes of terrorism. The Greek view that the

roots of Arab terrorism lie in the Middle East conflict is widely accepted by other states, including Britain.

The EEC package falls short of British demands for the complete closure of people's bureaux throughout Europe, opting instead for reductions to the bare minimum and the restriction of Libyan diplomats to national capitals.

The EEC also agreed that any Libyan expelled from one EEC state for terrorist activities should automatically be excluded from the rest of the Twelve. Officials said this would apply to the 21 Libyans expelled from Britain yesterday.

The Foreign Ministers also sought to defuse transatlantic tensions over trade by giving the Commission a mandate to negotiate with the US within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. But EEC officials warned that Europe would still retaliate "in equal measure" if Washington proceeded with threatened measures against EEC farm exports.

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Why Greece refuses to join curbs

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece insisted yesterday it would not apply the measures against Libya agreed by European foreign ministers at their meeting in Luxembourg on Monday until it had "tangible proof" of Libyan involvement in terrorist acts.

"Such proof, as you know, has not emerged so far," an official spokesman said in Athens. The official said that in any case Greece had been quite sceptical about the effectiveness of the measures.

Greece endorsed the decision simply because it wished to dispel eventual malicious accusations that it abetted in any manner the spread of terrorism," he stated.

The total number of Libyans legally residing in Greece is estimated at about 200, mainly diplomats and students. About 60 are listed as serving in Libya's diplomatic and consular mission, making it the largest foreign embassy here.

Significantly, the Foreign Ministry's latest edition of the diplomatic corps lists the names of only five Libyan diplomats. Three blank pages follow. In the 1984 edition Libya had 35 diplomats listed - more than the United States, the Soviet Union or Britain - 19 of them attached to the cultural section.

An estimated 200 other Libyans are living here illegally.

Campaign of hate against Thatcher

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

A British seething with hatred for Mrs Thatcher - in which "huge angry demonstrations... the like of which have not been experienced since the Second World War" - is being hastily concocted by the Libyan authorities in what has now become a concerted and vengeful propaganda campaign against the Prime Minister and her Cabinet.

Mrs Thatcher's decision to allow the Americans to use British bases in their raids on Libya was, according to the Libyan official news agency yesterday, "condemned and denounced by all the parties, organizations, groups, students and workers in Britain."

The Government here is now calling upon the rest of the Arab world to join in hatred of the Prime Minister.

The new mood of disgust has been manifested in a series of large coloured photographs of the Gaddafi family's adopted baby daughter Hanna, who was killed in the American air raids.

The propaganda is crude but it is likely to have a powerful effect on Arabs of other nations.

Druze militiamen guarding a bus in which 10 Americans were evacuated from Muslim west Beirut yesterday. At least 300 heavily-armed militiamen were involved in the operation, sparked by the killing last week of two Britons and an American (Reuter reports). The five women and five men - mostly teachers - crossed from the US Consulate in the west to Christian east Beirut, escorted by several Jeeps and more than 20 militia cars, heavier security than that for the Britons evacuated on Sunday.

Moscow says six US planes lost

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union yesterday claimed to have obtained independent evidence from its spy satellites to show that the United States had covered up the full extent of its losses during last week's air raids on Libya.

The allegation was made at a special briefing for foreign correspondents by Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, chief Foreign Ministry spokesman, who charged that, in addition to the single F111 bomber reported missing by the Pentagon, the US had lost four other aircraft.

Mr Lomeiko claimed that what he called "national technical means" had "uncovered the loss of two additional US planes, while wreckage of two more had been found on the ground, making a total of five. Other sources, he added, with what appeared deliberate vagueness, believed that six US planes had been lost.

The Soviet allegation attracted more than routine interest from Western diplomats because "national technical means" is a well-known Kremlin code-word for spy satellites.

Pressed by reporters, Mr Lomeiko refused to be more specific. "Which planes were shot down and which damaged is not relevant," he told an American correspondent. "This should be a headache for the US Air Force."

Mr Lomeiko, one of the two main spokesmen for Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, appeared to have been well briefed on the claim. "Public opinion in the United States is deprived of a truthful information," he said, after accusing the Reagan Administration of whipping up a "chauvinistic frenzy" of public hatred against Libya.

The press conference was the latest in a series called here to spearhead the vigorous Soviet propaganda campaign against the White House over the raids on Tripoli and Benghazi. Soviet officials believe that Russia has secured widespread international support for its condemnation of the US air strikes.

But the series of measures against Libya agreed this week by the EEC appeared to have come as an unexpected blow to the Kremlin, which yesterday accused the European Governments of contradicting earlier denunciations of the raids.

"West Europe is taking a definite position showing a lack of respect for history," said Mr Lomeiko.

WASHINGTON: The Reagan Administration yesterday categorically denied the Soviet claim (Mofsin Ali writes).

French join rare triple Security Council veto

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Despite deep discontent with the American military strikes on Libya, the entire Western bloc of the United Nations Security Council displayed rare solidarity and helped to shield the US from censure.

The move, on Monday night, was expected to be a major point of departure in healing Western divisions, particularly between France and the US, after Paris refused to allow American planes to fly over French airspace.

Britain and France joined the US in invoking their power of veto to block the draft resolution which would have condemned the Americans for the bombing of Libya. In addition, Australia and Denmark, which are not permanent members of the council and therefore do not have the power of veto, voted against the measure.

Nine countries voted in favour of the draft resolution while Venezuela abstained. It is unusual for France to cast a veto in the Security Council and, in uncomfortable situations when pulled by divergent interests, it has often resorted to abstention.

M Claude de Kesroularia, the French representative, said the French veto was a show of France's unequivocal opposition to terrorism, but he went out of his way to emphasize that the French action in the council should please the Americans.

Denmark and Australia had also voiced strong reservations over the American action, but in the end joined in sending a clear Western message that a fight against terrorism, by whatever means, could not be deplored as was envisaged in the draft resolution.

Although the draft prompted a rare triple veto, its sponsors had to tone it down considerably in order to obtain the nine votes in favour. The same muted reaction and striking absence of a sense of crisis, marked five days of debate on the bombings.

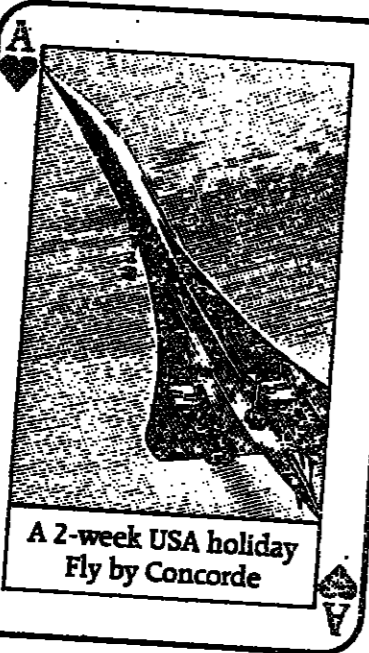
A delegation of non-aligned foreign ministers was due to arrive here yesterday from Tripoli. They were expected to pursue Libya's case with Senator Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General, but diplomats said it would be difficult as it was in the council debate, to defend Libya wholeheartedly. The group, it was said, would be basically going through the motions.

The nine members of the council who voted for the defeated draft resolution were the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, China, Congo, Ghana, Madagascar, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

The council has ended consideration of the complaint brought against the US by Libya, Malia, Burkina Faso, Syria and Oman on behalf of the Arab group.

As well as condemning terrorism, the draft would have defined the American bombing as a violation of the United Nations Charter and the norms of international conduct.

Urging a peaceful resolution to Libyan-American differences, the draft also would have asked Washington to refrain from carrying out any future reprisals against Libya.



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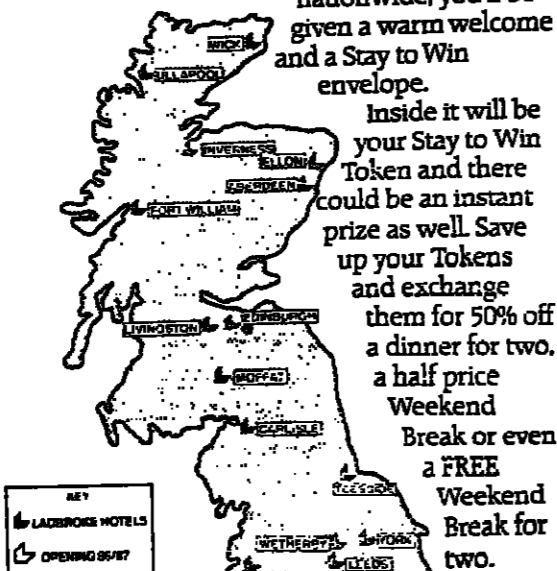
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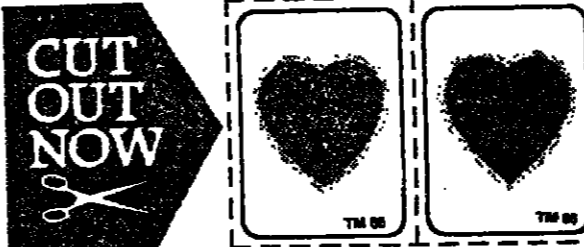


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Just in time

Libya: French v Mitterrand 'supported US action to topple Gaddafi'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Mitterrand privately told the United States that France would support American action against Libya if it was strong enough to bring about the fall of Colonel Gaddafi, senior Administration officials claimed yesterday.

But M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, was said to have rejected any support for last week's American attack. According to the officials, there was "a lot of private encouragement" from Western leaders for the raid, although the governments had indicated in advance that they would have to take a different stand publicly.

At no point was there any consideration of joint military action between the US and any of the Allies. The officials said that President Mitterrand told General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, in Paris that France would support the attack only if it was sustained enough to bring down Colonel Gaddafi.

The officials claimed that several European Allies had suggested that the US should hit Libya harder and in a more co-ordinated way. "Co-ordinated" was taken to mean repeated military strikes.

Some of the Allies supposedly wanted the US to do less, and others thought the plans were about right. The officials said that France's refusal to allow fly-over rights by American F111 bombers en route from England to Libya was not connected to President Mitterrand's apparent support for a much larger military operation.

President Reagan, on Monday, alluded to the private comments of Allied leaders, saying that some had suggested "that we look seriously at real major action" against Libya. A senior official later noted that Mr Reagan was referring specifically to France, the only country that made this suggestion when General Walters visited Europe before the attack.

Another official described it as "posturing" by the country that did not want to risk open association with the raid. The Administration may well be trying deliberately to embarrass France over the affair.

Some sources here speculated that Mr Mitterrand's comments to General Walters may have been taken too literally by the US and that the French President was not seriously advocating tougher military action.

Paris angry but doubts remain

From Diana Geddes, Paris

France reacted angrily yesterday to reports from Washington that President Mitterrand had privately expressed his readiness to back an all-out American attack on Libya specifically designed to overthrow Colonel Gaddafi, but that M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, would not hear of it.

While there was a firm "no comment" at official level from the Elyse Palace, the Quai d'Orsay (Foreign Ministry), and the Hotel Matignon (the Prime Minister's office), high-ranking French sources protested off the record that the Americans were "saying any old thing".

The sources said: "The Americans have gone crazy over this affair. They're not content with France because we refused to allow their aircraft to use our airspace on their way to Libya, and now they're trying to sow dissension between Chirac and Mitterrand."

Nevertheless, the doubt remains: reports that France would have supported stronger US action have come from too many different sources.

Furthermore, French political leaders have made no secret in private of their desire to see Colonel Gaddafi removed, and French representatives in the US have

reportedly been explaining France's refusal to allow us planes to fly over its territory by saying that it could not jeopardize its entire Middle East and Arab policy for a simple salvo which resolved nothing.

"Don't do a pinprick," one French leader is reported by American sources to have told General Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy, when he was in Paris shortly before the US raid on Libya last week.

But did France go so far as to say that it would actively support an all-out attack? There is some suggestion that this has may have been stated running, without official backing, by M Claude de Kromer, France's diplomatic inexperienced Ambassador to the UN, in unguarded comments at a private dinner.

Others have suggested that Mr Walters may simply have misunderstood France's double position of wanting to see an end to Colonel Gaddafi while not wishing to become involved.

But those who know Mr Walters point out that he is a highly experienced diplomat who speaks excellent French, and that he is unlikely to have made such a mistake.

Peres says Jordan plan best Neighbour hits at his 'old friend'

Strasbourg (AP) - Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday that the Jordanian proposal for settling the Palestinian problem still held the greatest promise despite a breakdown in relations between King Husain and PLO leaders.

Mr Peres said the only framework that held promise was direct negotiation between a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and an Israeli delegation. He differed sharply with President Mubarak of Egypt who appealed to Western Europe to take an active part in preparations for Middle East negotiations.

"We call upon our European friends to accept the inner logic" of the proposal for tripartite negotiations, Mr Peres said.

Stockholm - President Chadli Bendjedid of Algeria, on an official visit to Sweden, has criticized Colonel Gaddafi for his use of terrorism (Christopher Mosley writes).

"Colonel Gaddafi is an old friend but we cannot accept the methods Libya uses," he said in an interview in *Dagens Nyheter*, while strongly condemning the US raids.

"People who are fighting for their independence have the right to use what others may call terrorism but not in the territory of an uninvolved friendly nation," he said.

30 arrested

Lima (Reuters) - Peruvian police said they arrested 190 people, including 30 women and 12 children, in an overnight swoop here following a car bomb attack on the US Ambassador's residence.

All were freed except for 30, who were being questioned.

About turn

Ottawa - Canada, which had previously advised its 1,300 citizens in Libya to use their own discretion, has now called on them to leave.

Thai bomb

Bangkok (AP) - A bomb exploded inside the compound of the US Consulate in southern Thailand early yesterday, damaging the building.

Waite willing

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, said he was willing to return to Lebanon to negotiate the release of hostages, even though he believed the US raid had escalated rather than curtailed terrorism.



A passer-by views the wreckage of a bus which was stuck by a train on a railway crossing at Beauvais, 60 miles from Paris. The French driver and Irish guide were killed and Mrs Margaret Radrum, from Grimsby, the most seriously injured of seven British tourists, was still in intensive care last night. All were on their way to Paris after flying from Gatwick.

King's 'love chair' sold

Paris - The curious *faisanil d'ameuse*, a double-decker contraption used by the future King Edward VII on his frequent visits to one of Paris's most luxurious bordellos, has been auctioned here for £20,000, four times the expected price (Diana Geddes writes).

The "love chair" was bought by Madame Soubrie, a descendant of the cabinet-maker who apparently designed it at the turn of the century especially for the libidinous, but somewhat paunchy, Prince of Wales at the brothel at 12 Rue Chabannis.

Calabria olive oil fear

Rome - Italian producers of olive oil are concerned because judicial authorities in Calabria closed 93 oil presses for allegedly polluting the subsoil (Peter Nichols writes).

According to the National Confederation of Agriculture, the ruling could have serious consequences for the olive-

growing areas of the south.

Already 100,000 people in Calabria see their livelihood threatened by the closures.

Calabria is Italy's second oil producing region after Apulia, and the labour force involved amounts to one-fifth of all workers in Calabria.

Kyprianou insists on troop pullout

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Unless there is agreement on the withdrawal of the Turkish forces from northern Cyprus, the Greek Cypriots will refuse to discuss any plan leading to the establishment of an interim federal administration on the island.

This condition was put forward in the letter sent by President Kyprianou of Cyprus to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, in response to the latter's proposals on the structure of a federal republic.

A close aide of President Kyprianou said: "We want all the Turkish occupation troops to be removed to make way for the interim federal adminis-

tration. Otherwise, we shall no longer be able to order them out since the Turkish Cypriots will have a virtual veto on all government decisions."

President Kyprianou, in his reply to the Secretary-General, offered a choice of two procedures: either an international conference to discuss the troop withdrawals as well as effective international guarantees, or a high level meeting - a sort of Cypriot intercommunal summit - to discuss these points, plus the application of freedom of movement, freedom of settlement, and the right to property.

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Cape daily is refused police information

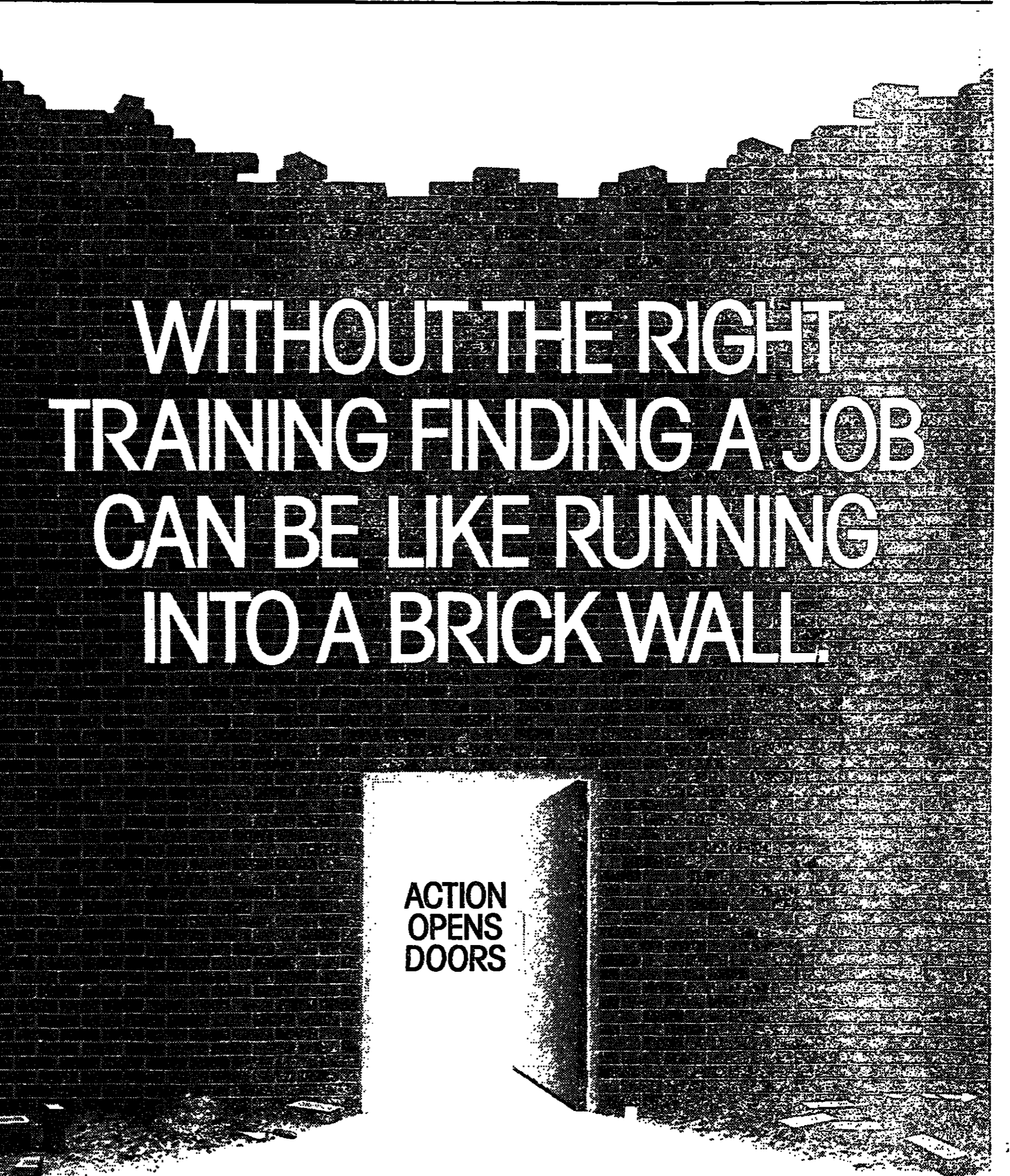
From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South African police are refusing to give information to one of the country's leading English-language daily newspapers, *The Cape Times*.

General Johann Coetzee, the Police Commissioner, has written to the editor, Mr Anthony Heard, saying that it appeared that the newspaper was not prepared "to change its biased and slanderous attitude towards the South African police".

The decision comes after a report of the shooting by police of seven alleged African National Congress guerrillas in Guguletu township.

The newspaper's crime reporter, Mr Chris Bateman, said that eyewitnesses had claimed that one man had been shot as he had his hands up, and that another was "finished off" as he lay wounded on the ground. Mr Bateman was told he was "no longer welcome" at the daily police crime press conference.



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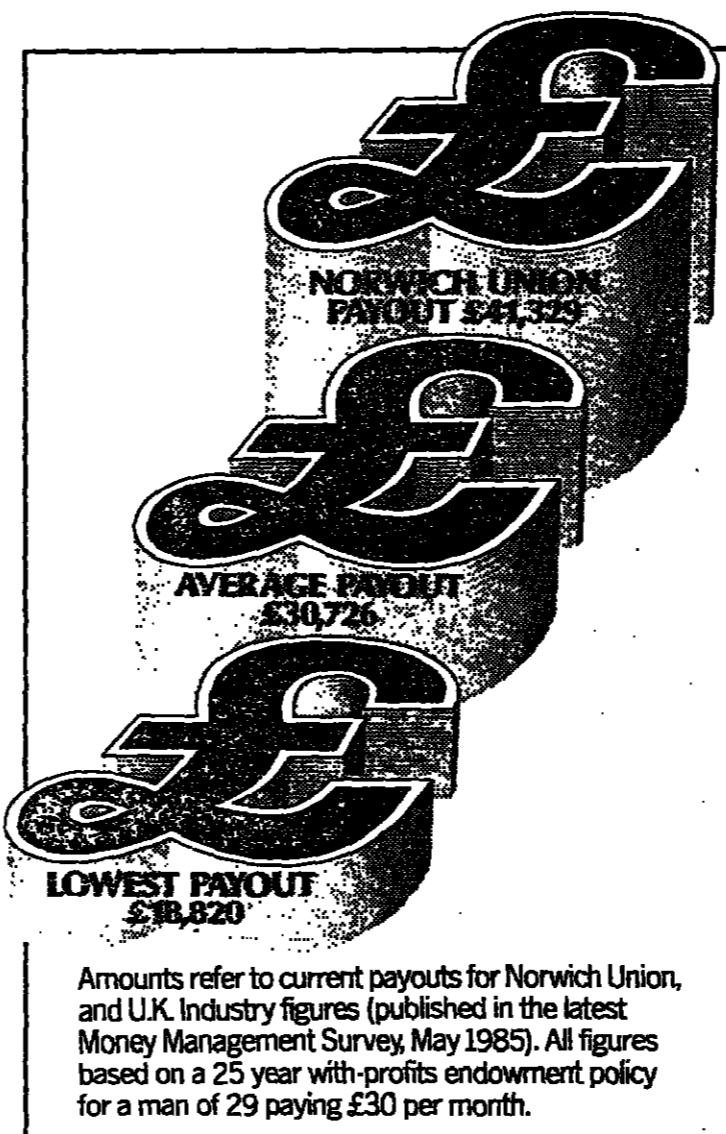
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Snap poll decision by Madrid thwarts tactics of opposition

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The Spanish Government's quick decision to go for early elections headed off an Opposition scheme to block such a move, it was learnt here yesterday.

On Monday, when the Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, hastily summoned his ministers to a special Cabinet meeting, leaders of the conservative Popular Coalition (CP) were still debating the advisability of putting their scheme into effect.

It entailed calling for a censure vote. By law, a motion for censure cannot be considered in parliament until five days after it has been presented, and early elections may not be called while such a vote is pending.

Since other factors restrict-

ed the dates on which the Government might well have called for early elections to the period from yesterday through to next Sunday, a call for a vote of censure would effectively have made June elections impossible.

Señor Manuel Fraga, leader of the coalition, the principal opposition in Parliament, said that the censure motion "would undoubtedly have been presented".

A main concern among non-socialist politicians is the continuing government control of the state television monopoly.

In the October 1982 elections, the Socialists won 202 of the 350 seats in the Congress of Deputies, the powerful lower chamber. The CP

won 106, the Centre Democratic Union (UCD) won 12; CIU (a Catalan party) 12; the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) eight; the Spanish Communist Party four; the Social Democratic Centre (CDS) two; Herri Batasuna (HB), a left-wing Basque party, two; Catalan Republican Left (ERC) one; and Basque Left (EE) one.

The HB MPs boycott all parliamentary activity. One of the Communist MPs formed his own Communist Party, but retained his seat.

In the Senate, the Socialists control 134 of 207 seats, and the Coalition 54. Other parties represented are PNV, seven; Catalonia to the Senate, six; UCD, four; Majorcan Assembly one; Independent, one.

Chemical weapons pact near

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The Soviet Union yesterday put forward a series of proposals in the 40-nation United Nations disarmament conference which it described as "removing a major obstacle" to agreement on a chemical weapons treaty.

These are largely identical with provisions of the US draft treaty tabled in the conference two years ago by Vice-President George Bush that, in turn, incorporated elements of a draft submitted by the Russians in 1982.

Uneasy at the spectacle of Iraq using chemical weapons in the Gulf War, the two superpowers are clearly moving towards an agreed treaty to prevent these weapons becoming "conventional".

Both now accept the principle of international on-site verification but disagree on the manner of doing it. Mr Viktor Issraelyan, the Soviet delegate, described the American proposals for a 48-hour procedure as "unrealistic and discriminatory".

The new treaty will complement the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting use of chemical and biological weapons

Howe will tell US to abide by Salt 2

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will today urge the Reagan Administration to abide by the limits of the 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt 2) by dismantling two Poseidon nuclear submarines when a new Trident submarine is ready for launch next month.

He will tell Mr Paul Nitze, the President's arms control adviser, that the Salt 2 treaty forms part of the legal foundation of the West's structure of deterrence. In Britain's view, adherence to treaties such as Salt 2 is essential if arms reduction talks are to succeed.

Mr Nitze is in London on the first stage of a tour to "consult" allies on the question of whether Washington should keep to the Salt 2 limits despite growing evidence of Soviet non-compliance.

According to some reports from Washington, quoting an unnamed senior official, President Reagan has already decided to dismantle the two Poseidon submarines, which carry 16 multiple-warhead missiles apiece, when the new Trident, the Nevada, starts its sea trials on May 20.

Without such action the Nevada's 24 missiles would put the US 22 over Salt 2's

limit of 1,200 multiple warhead missiles.

This is certainly the advice which has been given to the President by Mr Nitze, who firmly believes that the US should maintain its policy of not undercutting the treaty. His views are shared by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State. However, there are powerful voices within the Administration, notably that of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, arguing that the US should respond to alleged Soviet violations by sending a clear message to Moscow that it will no longer tolerate non-compliance.

One compromise solution which has been studied by the Reagan Administration would permit the two Poseidons to be placed in "caretaker status".

Mr Nitze will hear similar views to those expressed by Sir Geoffrey when he visits West Germany, Italy, France, The Netherlands and Belgium.

The West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said yesterday that a decision to abide by Salt 2 would be "a positive signal to the Soviet Union and an encouraging and confidence-building measure".



And when Sherion Tarnoff, one of those who blasted open the Capone vault, got there...

Al Capone's cupboard is bare

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Tax officers and reporters who gathered in Chicago for the much-ballyhooed unsealing of Al Capone's secret vault suffered the fate of Mother Hubbard.

There was no gangster's hoard - no money, diamonds, or whisky. Nor were there any bones of people who had "upset" Capone. Just a few old gin bottles; and they were empty.

The opening of the vault, with explosives and a team of diggers, was the subject of the two-hour television show - *The Mystery of Al Capone's Vaults* - hosted by an excited reporter with a fighter pilot mustache.

As the vault was opened and lights revealed the emptiness within, taxmen and television were left with dust on their hands and egg on their faces. The television host gallantly filled in time by singing the song "Chicago".

The taxmen were there to seize money rumoured to be in the vault. Capone died in 1947, leaving an unpaid tax bill.

The vault is in the Lexington Hotel, once the headquarters of the Capone empire, from which America's most famous gangster ran breweries, brothels, speakeasies, gambling joints, and various other businesses.

"Public service is my motto," he used to say. Doubtless he would have enjoyed the showdown in the vault.

Polish dissident leaders jailed

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The five leading members of an anti-Soviet, ultra-nationalist, dissident group in Poland were yesterday sentenced to long jail terms for plotting to overthrow the communist system.

A Polish court decided that the most prominent role in the banned organization, known as the Confederation for an Independent Poland, had been played by a 53-year-old historian and writer, Mr Leszek Moczulski, and jailed him for four years.

Two men, Mr Adam

Slomka and Mr Krzysztof Krol, received two-and-a-half years in jail and the other members, Mr Dariusz Wojcik and Mr Andrzej Szumanski, were imprisoned for two years.

Although the sentences were tough in relation to the evidence against them - the group does little more than print clandestine leaflets and organize discussions - they were less harsh than expected. The prosecution had demanded six years for Mr Moczulski. The other four received half the terms demanded.

The confederation leaders

have been in investigative custody for more than a year. Many dissidents have expected the authorities to make an example of the five men.

The Polish government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, confirmed yesterday that the authorities might consider another amnesty for political prisoners. However, he emphasized that this move was a very early stage of consideration and would depend on internal stability in Poland and on the activities of those in the West who support opposition activists here.

A grim farm warning to EEC

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

As EEC farm talks yesterday remained deadlocked over farm prices and reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the Agriculture Commissioner, Mr Frans Andriessen, warned that the Community was heading for over-spending on the farm budget this year by nearly £1 billion, rising next year to £1.5 billion.

The cost of the recent realignment of the European Monetary System would be £247 million this year and nearly £400 million next year, he said.

A compromise proposal on farm prices was proposed by The Netherlands - which holds the presidency of the Council of Ministers - late on Monday night, but it began to crumble yesterday as ministers raised national objections.

The Dutch compromise was designed to give member states flexibility in applying the proposed co-responsibility levy on cereal farmers.

It also involves abandoning a controversial Commission proposal for ending beef intervention.

Mr Michael Jopling, the British Agriculture Minister, said that Italy and The Netherlands had given Britain some support in preferring price reductions to the proposed levy. The Dutch plan offered "the fairest way forward", he said, as it was based on total cereals production.

"We cannot see how this council can come to any conclusion," a British official said, reflecting widespread pessimism.

Both the Commission and Britain favour a price freeze this year, but the French and West German Governments say that this would adversely affect their farmers.

M Francois Guillaume, the new French Farm Minister, yesterday showed some flexibility, insisting on a price rise of 1 per cent as a gesture to French milk farmers, considerably less than the 4.7 per cent he originally wanted.

But Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the West German Farm Minister, is under firm instructions from Bonn to resist all price cuts, and this is an obstacle to agreement.

Strikers leave Finns in the dark

Helsinki (Reuters) - A strike by 1,200 electricians hit Finland's two nuclear power stations and shut other power facilities, widening a campaign for more pay by unions in several industries.

Authorities said they hoped non-striking workers would be able to operate the nuclear plants, which provide up to a third of the country's electricity.

Other electricity sources could make up shortfalls for the time being, they said.

About 42,000 workers are on strike altogether.

Envoy's son detained

Colombo - The Sri Lanka security forces have detained the son of the former Ambassador to Indonesia on suspicion of being involved with Tamil separatist guerrillas. Mr Ramanujam Mannikalingam was detained near the ancient city of Polonnaruwa while travelling in a bus.

Botha talks

Luxembourg (Reuters) - The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R F "Pik" Botha, held talks here with his Portuguese counterpart, Senhor Pires de Miranda, on "problems of common interest", probably including a timetable for the independence of Namibia.

Luns prize

Ankara (AP) - Turkey has announced that the first Atatürk International Peace Prize has been awarded to the former Nato Secretary-General, Dr Josef Luns.

Snow deaths

Talkeetna, Alaska (UPI) - A snow bridge spanning a crevasse on Mount McKinley collapsed, sending two French climbers plunging to their deaths, the National Park Service said.

It's a girl!

Halifax (AFP) - Mrs Julia Houlton, who settled in eastern Canada from Britain with her doctor husband four years ago, gave birth to a baby girl this week - the first female birth in the Houlton family since 1882.



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Just in Time

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Soviet casualties arrive in Kabul from rebel summer siege of Khost

From Michael Hanalya Delhi

Regularly, with the turning of the seasons and the arrival of the hot weather, the Soviet army, occupying Afghanistan embarks on yet another campaign to put down the Mujahidin guerrillas in the eastern province of Paktia.

This year, the first Russian soldier sporting the bush hat of his summer uniform was seen in the streets of Kabul on April 6. Around that time too, the first long lines of lorries painted with red crosses and carrying the military wounded appeared outside the Shahzara hospital. Twelve Soviet military vehicles full of wounded soldiers were seen waiting to enter on April 10. Twenty-four bodies were brought back to the capital on April 9.

According to Western diplomats in Delhi, the dead and wounded were from a bitter battle being fought around the town of Khost, which dominates a valley close to the Pakistan border. Khost has been the centre of fighting for several summers now. Often the Mujahidin besiege it, and on one glorious day actually occupied it, before disappearing back into the hills carrying their loot.

Last year a large operation was undertaken to relieve the

Kandahar relief

Islamabad - Afghan rebels have broken through a Soviet and Afghan ring besieging the city of Kandahar to resupply guerrillas fighting there. But Communist forces have kept up their relentless bombing and shelling as fighting in the narrow streets and bazars continued, rebel commanders said (Reuters reports).

The siege and this year the battle has been taken out of the immediate environs of the town and into the valleys towards the border.

Deep in one of the narrowest valleys there is a virtually impregnable fortress under the command of a religious and military leader, Maulvi Jalaluddin Haqqani. If the Russian troops could eradicate this redoubt they would have gone a long way towards halting the flow of supplies from the border and would do much to relieve the pressure at Khost. So far the Mujahidin have resisted firmly, and attacks late last year and again recently have been repulsed.

The fighting has not all been in one direction. Last month, very early in the campaigning season, there was heavy fighting around an Afghan army post in the Khost valley. The

guerrillas took advantage of low cloud cover, which prevented the operation of government helicopters, to launch the attack which failed only because of the casualties they suffered crossing minefields around the post.

The town of Khost was visited by Mr Nazar Muhammad, an Afghan Minister - one of a number of distinguished morale-boosters the garrison has received recently, including Major-General Muhammad Yasin Sadequi, the regime's chief tactician. The minister's convoy of helicopters was apparently attacked by the rebels, and two were shot down.

Tension is reportedly high in the eastern capital of Jalalabad, on the road between Kabul and Peshawar, supplies of meat there are non-existent, and the acting Governor, Mr Yusuf Shahid, has been arrested, along with two of his top aides.

The Afghan Government has admitted that the damage caused by the fighting cost the country 40 billion afghanis (about £275 million). A total of 1,850 schools and 130 hospitals have been destroyed. The Government also admits that considerable damage has been done to the economic infrastructure.



Three-year-old Eve Van Grathorst, who suffers from Aids which she acquired from a blood transfusion at birth. Her family is planning to move to New Zealand because they have been living in "hostile social exile" in the town of Gosford, New South Wales. Eve's mother, Mrs Gloria

Dhaka toll from ferry could rise to 1,000

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

The death toll could reach between 600 and 1,000 in Bangladesh's worst river tragedy. More than 350 people have been confirmed killed after the double-decker Atlas Star was caught in a storm and capsized in the Dhaleswari river, 28 miles from Dhaka.

There were an estimated 1,200 people on board on Sunday night.

Government officials conducting rescue operations said that the death toll could rise after all the floating bodies, some of which had been swept away six miles downstream, had been recovered.

There are hundreds of bodies in the downstream which have to be collected. Mr A R Khan, the official leading the rescue team, said yesterday.

Scores of rowing boats were used on Monday to ferry the bodies trapped inside the submerged vessel to the port but most have remained still unidentified in a local hospital.

Mr Erian Ali, Munshiganj's police chief, confirmed that 200 bodies had been collected.

The official Bengali-language daily, *Dainik Bangla*, said yesterday that about 200 people managed to swim to shore in rough weather and strong currents.

Australia-Indonesia row Tourists stranded by Jakarta anger

Jakarta (Reuters) - Indonesia abruptly cancelled visa-free entry for Australians yesterday, stranding scores of tourists at airports in its latest reprisal for Sydney newspaper articles critical of President Suharto.

About 180 Australians were refused entry to the holiday island of Bali after landing on a flight from Sydney, Australian consular sources said.

The sources said some passengers had flown to Jakarta to try to get flights home, but

Defence pact at risk

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Reports that Jakarta was considering withdrawing from its defence co-operation programme with Australia further exacerbated the already worsening quarrel between the two countries.

Canberra officials, anxious not to add to the sudden strain, which, in addition to yesterday's developments, has also caused a ministerial visit to be cancelled, declined to comment.

This followed statements in Jakarta by General Benny Murdani, the armed forces commander, indicating that projects agreed only weeks ago were in jeopardy.

Under existing arrangements, Australia provides Indonesia with \$A10m (£4.7 million) annually in military assistance.

A report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* two weeks ago raised long-standing questions on the financial dealings of President Suharto, his family and their associates, who were said to have accumulated assets of between \$A52 billion and \$A83 billion from government capital and concessions.

The article, by David Jenkins, the paper's respected foreign editor, said corruption was the Achilles heel of an otherwise able regime. It specifically pointed a finger at Madame Tien Suharto, the President's wife.

Nakasono exploits popularity

Double elections likely in Japan

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan seems set for double elections this summer, despite denials by senior politicians.

An election for the Upper House is already set for June, but it is becoming increasingly likely that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, will call simultaneous elections for the House of Representatives.

Senior members of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) have warned the Prime Minister that there must be due reason for him to exercise his power to dissolve both houses.

Various high-sounding reasons are spoken of, but the real one is that Mr Nakasone is enjoying unprecedented popularity at this stage of a government's life. In addition to his skill at foreign diplomacy, his public popularity runs at more than 55 per cent.

His ambition to have a third term as leader of the party is no longer mentioned. In fact, Mr Nakasone desires that he is not re-elected.

That may be because the Prime Minister hopes to strengthen his chances of persuading the party to change its succession rules by presenting the leadership with an overwhelming victory at the polls, at which point they may offer him the prize he is after. That seems unlikely.

Mr Nakasone is not the most popular politician within his party, because of his go-it-alone approach.

The so-called "new leaders" are meanwhile standing by to have their turn at the highest office - the Finance Minister, Mr Noburo Takeshita; the Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe; and also Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, a former foreign minister.

Mr Takeshita was generally thought to have been winning this particular race, but he faltered a little with the inability to rally all of the faction of the former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, behind him. Mr Tanaka has been out of front-line politics since February last year after a stroke.

Mr Miyazawa has recently been making some strong points against the Prime Minister, but his power following within the party is a handicap against Mr Takeshita, and his programme to double national assets is both vague and most likely impracticable in the circumstances.

As a trade-off and an escape from some of the knottier political problems that Mr Nakasone is likely to bequeath, the strongest challenger come the autumn may be only too happy to help engineer an extension for Mr Nakasone to carry through his own legislative programme.



Mr Noburo Takeshita: Bid for highest office falters.

But, while politicians argue as they build a consensus - not only within the party, but also among industrialists who will have to provide campaign funds - the evidence that the decision is as good as made is evident: election posters are sprouting like cherry blossom in Tokyo, and fund-raising by political parties has started.

Mr Nakasone's faction of the LDP held a party earlier this week. With tickets at 30,000 yen (£1,200) each, it is estimated to have raised about 500 million yen for his political coffers. Such a fund-raiser would usually be in the autumn, and its advancement is one of the more recognizable straws in the political wind.

Mr Nakasone is keen to have the election in June because he wants to use his popularity and public goodwill to bolster LDP strength so that it does not have to depend

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Singer's death is followed by 28 suicides

Tokyo (UPI) - At least 28 young people have taken their lives in Japan in a wave of suicides since a teenage singing star killed herself by jumping from a Tokyo building two weeks ago.

This is definitely a trend. These kids see someone doing it and they get the same idea," said Professor Tsutomu Komazaki, of Josai University, Tokyo.

On April 8, the star, Yukiko Okada, aged 18, killed herself after a failed love affair. Two days later, the suicides began.

Marcos claim of communist rule dismissed

Manila - The Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, accusing deposed President Marcos of "dreaming", yesterday dismissed the former leader's claim that the Philippines could fall under communist rule within a month.

He also denied that disillusioned Army elements could stage a coup against President Aquino (Keith Dalton writes).

Military support for Mr Marcos remained minimal while Mrs Aquino had the full backing of the armed forces and its endorsement of her efforts to call a ceasefire to end the 18-year communist insurgency, Mr Enrile said.

He described claims by Mr Marcos that 34 per cent of the country's soldiers had deserted as "totally fabricated and exaggerated". He said there was no tension between the military and the Aquino Government.

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Gold plate on the silver

Privatization was decried as selling the family silver by Lord Stockton, but it has been a bonanza for investors, writes Jeremy Warner

Anyone who invested £500 in each of the 15 flotations made under the Government's privatization programme would by now have more than doubled his money, on average. Only two companies, both hit by the oil price collapse, have failed so far to prove anything other than an outstanding investment.

The two hiccups have been Enterprise, a company formed out of British Gas's North Sea oil interests, whose share price has dropped 22 per cent since the flotation in June 1984; and Britoil, the value of whose original, November 1982, issue has declined by a similar figure.

These have been minor setbacks in the £7.5 billion sell-off programme. A £500 investment in Jaguar, for example, when it was floated in July 1984 would now be worth £1,360 — an increase of 172 per cent — helped by buoyant exports of the company's luxury cars to the United States. Cable & Wireless has made even more spectacular progress. Stock in the international telecommunications operator, whose Mercury Communications offshoot is licensed by the Government to compete with British Telecom, has more than quadrupled: £500 invested in the original October 1981 flotation would now be worth £2,165. And even the most recent of the three Cable & Wireless issues — last December — has since given investors a 24 per cent return.

Ironically, the first Cable & Wireless issue got a lacklustre response in the City; the second was a flop, falling short of full subscription by a long way; and the third nearly fell victim to a sudden fall in share prices during the crucial offer-for-sale period. Privatization issues have not been for the faint-hearted. Investors in the second tranche of British Aerospace shares, sold by the Government a year ago, were given a severe bout of jitters when their shares plummeted from an opening premium of 25 per cent to well below the offer price. It took a major turnaround in shares generally, and the announcement of some impressive international contracts, before they were back in profit.

Indeed in many respects, shares in newly-privatized companies have done no more

PRIVATIZED COMPANIES - A GOOD INVESTMENT?					
Company	Issue date	sale price	price now	*£500 invested now worth	percentage (loss) gain
British Aerospace	Feb 81	150p	565p	£1,885	277
	May 85	375p		£755	51
BP	Oct 79	363p	550p	£765	53
	Sep 83	435p		£630	26
Cable & Wireless	Oct 81	168p	728p	£2,165	333
	Dec 83	275p		£1,325	165
	Dec 85	587p		£620	24
Amersham	Feb 82	142p	370p	£1,300	160
Britoil	Nov 82	215p	170p	£395	(21)
	Aug 85	185p		£460	(8)
ABP	Feb 83	112p	590p	£2,635	427
	Apr 84	270p		£1,095	119
Enterprise Oil	Jun 84	185p	144p	£390	(22)
JAGUAR	Jul 84	165p	450p	£1,360	172
British TELECOM	Nov 84	130p	250p	£960	92
Total: £500 on all issues			£7,500	£16,740	123

*£500 has been taken as a notional investment. With some issues, this amount would not have been available, depending on how shares were allocated

than reflect the general buoyancy in share prices that has ruled since 1979. If the stock market had been falling, few of the privatizations would have been possible, let alone showing the gains enjoyed by their shareholders.

It is also true that, with the exception of British Telecom, the privatizations have paid little more than lip service to the Government's aim of wider share ownership. The massive marketing campaign plus the perk of free shares or telephone bill discounts accompanying the British Telecom flotation, succeeded in attracting about one million people who had never held shares.

But few of the other flotations have attracted much interest outside the charmed inner circle of professionals who take an interest in all new issues.

Even British Telecom's marketing campaign failed to generate a response outside the financially articulate middle class. In some of the issues the small private investor would have been hard pushed to secure more than the minimum allotment of 50 to 100 shares and in one case — Associated British Ports —

demand was so high that some applicants got no shares at all. The Government's ambition of creating a share-owning (as well as a property-owning) democracy is still a long way from realization.

Some flotations have been underpriced, giving an immediate and substantial profit to those lucky enough to get in on the act, but the Government on the whole drives as hard a bargain as circumstances permit — though with hindsight, it could have raised a lot more by delaying the flotations.

But it is also true — as John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has pointed out — that the share price performance of companies after privatization is at least partly a reflection of how the profitability and efficiency of the companies have increased as a direct result of being privatized.

"At the time of privatization, the exact scope for improvement was not at all clear and so it is not surprising that some of the companies have performed better in the private sector than was generally expected", he said.

Mr Moore argues that companies prosper in all respects once freed from the dead hand of the state to the benefit of the

economy as a whole. "That is why the programme will continue until all state owned commercial industries are returned to where they belong, the private sector", he says.

Privatization has increased business and economic efficiency and "created a climate which has concentrated the minds of those concerned in nationalized industries preparing for privatization on commercial realities so that their overall performance has improved."

"It is in the nature of state owned industries to be more responsive to their political masters than to the needs of their customers because past experience all too often shows that an industry's survival is quite unrelated to its performance in the market place."

"If British Telecom had not been privatized, do you really believe that its regulated charges would have increased by 3 per cent less than inflation each year?"

efficiency and commercial discipline among privatized companies as little more than a smokescreen.

The real motivation, he says, is to provide money for the Chancellor and gifts to the Government's friends in the City. "It wouldn't be so objectionable if the money raised went back into industry but it doesn't. It has gone into financing current consumption and lining the pockets of City friends. That is hardly the sort of prudent housekeeping that Mrs Thatcher likes to boast of."

But will future privatizations offer investors such a spectacular ride? The big problem is that having cleaned out "the family silver", as Lord Stockton has called the Government's once highly-attractive collection of businesses, the shelves now contain little more than a dull array of old pewter mugs.

British Gas and the water authorities, both earmarked for privatization before the next general election, may be fine old asset-rich utilities, but they lack the high-technology sheen that has made British Telecom, Cable & Wireless and British Aerospace so attractive to professional investors. The real bargains have already gone.

Things go better with Headroom



As seen on TV: Max Headroom, tipped to be "as big as Donald Duck" in America.

Max Headroom, the space-age television character par excellence, attracts a growing cult following as the glib, wisecracking host of his own pop video show on Channel Four.

It is no wonder that Coca-Cola — which boasts that it provides the refreshment for American astronauts — is using Headroom to plug the latest version of its product. What distinguishes him from other talking heads on television is that he is an actor, a Canadian named Matt Frewer, who is transformed by prosthetic make-up and clever video techniques to simulate a computerized being.

His only means of communication is a television screen, and in the Coke TV commercials made by Ridley Scott, the director of *Alien* and *Blade Runner*, he addresses a circle of wondering children from a TV set which has fallen off a speeding lorry.

The advertising campaign, showing in America but not yet in Britain, is costing Coca-Cola \$25 million. The sale of the rights to use Headroom is potentially worth \$4 million to the character's owner, Chrysalis Visual Programming, a subsidiary of the Chrysalis entertainment group.

Max has already featured in British commercials for Radio Rentals and there have been books, T-shirts, calendars, and a computer game. Men's toiletries and a record with the group Art of Noise are on the way. Now Terry Connolly, Chrysalis's managing director, plans a prime-time series on America's ABC network. "We're holding back in America until

The cult figure of the video age has become a hot property in marketing

we're as big as Donald Duck", he confidently says. Max Headroom started on Channel Four only a year ago, introduced by a highly-inventive £750,000 adventure film establishing the character as an investigative television reporter in a broken-down tomorrow's world — reminiscent, ironically, of *Blade Runner*.

The eventual video show was an anti-climax but the idea for a series involving "pop promos" had been hatched in spring 1982 by a Chrysalis executive, Peter Wagg, who commissioned them for the records division, and conceived a mission to make them as artistically respectable as feature films.

The intention of the directing and designing team, Annabel Jankel and Rock Morton, of Cucumber Productions, was to make Max Headroom look as if "a satellite was disrupting your normal TV service and blurring the show on to your screen". Colin Wilson, author of *The Outsider* — and *The Space Vampires* — briefly contributed to the pilot film's script.

But Max Headroom's name, and most of the original characterization, was the work of George Stone, a bright advertising copywriter, who seized the chance to convey his fascination with artificial intelligence, subliminal advertising, and the management of television news. Stone says Wagg was slow to share his vision: "We

had to fight to get Max Headroom on screen".

The Coca-Cola deal in December, only eight months after Max Headroom's first screening, has made him a financial, not just a media, success. The new television series, starting this summer in Britain and America, will feature less rock music and seek a wider age appeal. However, his future as a money-spinner equal to Disney's characters hangs on the fortunes of a two-hour pilot movie being produced for ABC next year. The success of Max Headroom has enabled Wagg to form a television production company but his fellow creators are less happy. Morton and Jankel are not directing the new British series, and Stone

Pop record on the way

who quit his advertising job to write for the character, has severed all connection, claiming insufficient credit as author — and alleging non-payment of a royalty.

Connolly counters that Chrysalis spent £1 million developing the character, and required the writers to relinquish copyright in exchange for fees and a small royalty. "Of course, when it's a success, everybody claims credit, and says they were ripped off."

Stone now thinks the Coca-Cola ads have "pretty well killed" his concept of Max. "He was intended to do just a little bit more than be a geek in a rubber mask. I suppose it's become a question of greed. They've turned him into a short-life form. The hour-glass has turned over, and this is Max's moment."

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Jamaica's dance man

An academic and former Rhodes scholar returns to Britain this summer — in dancing shoes



Self-taught: Rex Nettleford

by the 30-strong Jamaican Folk Singers troupe and a Caribbean service in Westminster Abbey on Sunday.

Last month, Nettleford was here wearing his academic hat, but he returns in the summer wearing his dancing shoes for one of the highlights of the festival: a tour by the Jamaican National Dance Theatre

Company, of which he is co-founder, choreographer and artistic director. "Until the Caribbean has a proper sense of its own identity, it cannot progress", he says. "We've been paralysed by self-abnegation for too long. This is what I try to teach, whether I'm in the lecture hall or the dance studio."

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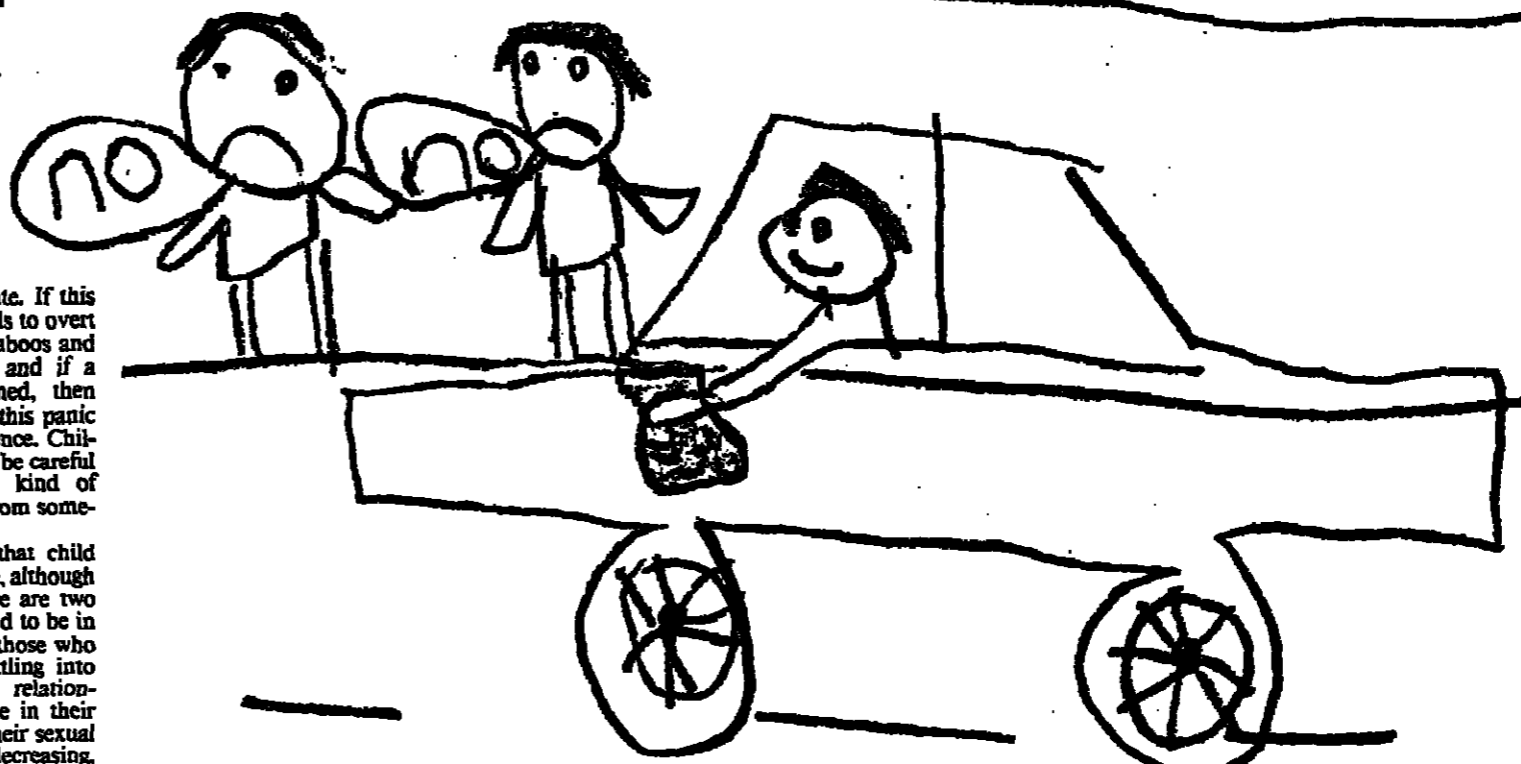
As Britain's police seek possible links in child murder cases, Lee Rodwell examines the psychology of the killers

The making of a molester

This week brought the news that most parents would rather not have heard: Sarah Harper, the 10-year-old girl who had been missing for three and a half weeks, had been found murdered. Amid all the emotions such an announcement brings...

some may have had early relationships which went wrong. It may be a genetic or a physical thing. It may be due to worries a man has about his potency or physical development...

something more intimate. If this kind of dependence leads to overt sexuality, with all the taboos and prohibitions involved, and if a child becomes frightened, then panic may set in. It is this panic which can lead to violence.



A young child's view of the right response to strangers: understanding the psychology can help parents caution their children

Killers may progress up a ladder from fantasy to reality

Dr McGuigan says that child molesters can be of any age, although the figures suggest there are two 'peak' times: many tend to be in their teens to late 20s, those who would normally be settling into normal heterosexual relationships...

He also says that there is much evidence to suggest that men who ultimately rape and kill children do not just go out and do it one day. Instead they progress up a kind of ladder from fantasy to reality, first watching and following children, then, perhaps, getting a job working with children, then touching them, and from there into some kind of sexual contact.

At this point it may be more than sheer panic that can lead to violence and ultimately murder. It may be a cold-blooded decision that he does not want to be caught and that he cannot risk being identified by the child.

Dr McGuigan is doubtful about the value of carrying out hormone treatments on sexual offenders or even of castrating them. 'This won't take away the aggression. You won't stop the killing - even if you stop the sexual acts - and you may make it more likely.'

At Broadmoor, sexual offenders are given the kind of treatment that aims to help them form relationships and get on with people. They are taught social skills and ways to combat anxiety.

At present Grendon is the only prison devoted to the psychiatric treatment and care of the mentally disordered in prison. There are 260 places and Dr McGuigan has 200 on the waiting list.

'People don't always respond. They don't want to respond'

great deal and send a person out much more confident, much less dangerous. But there may be lapses. If it is a straightforward case of a neurotically, emotionally disturbed young man who has never learnt to cope with the world, then traditional psychological methods can help him achieve a normal form of social behaviour that should enable him to gain his sexual satisfaction through the usual routes.

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A new platform for the family bear

After a life spent in Paddington's shadow, Michael Bond's daughter explains how she finally succumbed to the creature's lure



Grin and bear it: Michael Bond, his daughter Karen and Paddington at their London shop

Paddington Bear is in the study dressed up as an American golfer, complete with designer brogues initiated PB. Down in the kitchen he's wearing his rugger kit and later, in the sitting room, I find him standing around in a duffel coat and sou'wester style hat, carrying a suitcase.

his companies who also act for Peter Rabbit, The Little Grey Rabbit and a host of other classic nursery characters. 'Father and I are much more interested in making sure that Paddington is not involved in anything unsuitable', says Karen.

Mr Bond discovered they don't have bears there - and was rescued from Paddington Station by the Brown family, with no belongings except a small suitcase containing a photograph of his aunt Lucy who lives in the Home for Retired Bears in Lima and a label reading: 'Please look after this bear. Thank You'.

He was starting the day with a stiff Scotch and going to bed with a Mogadori and at the same time his first marriage was breaking up. 'I know it sounds a bit silly', he says looking sheepish.

When Karen was small, her father used to read the manuscripts aloud to her. 'I think I was an unconscious critic', she says, 'and some of the things that happened were based on me. When I went water-skiing, Paddington went water-skiing and later, when I took my driving test, Paddington took his too.'

From Mr Peter Houghton, Director, National Association for the Childless

I am deeply grateful to The Times for highlighting the problems faced by people longing to have a baby (Spectrum, April 8). The anxiety and stress caused by fertility treatment is too little understood. So are the serious problems faced by people who are ultimately unsuccessful in their quest to be parents.

From Mr John Barnett, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead, Sussex

Your feature painted a fair picture of the despair and frustration experienced by the

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involuntarily childless. I know as I am one of their number. As you can imagine I have given considerable thought to the embryo research debate as well as the controversy surrounding surrogacy and other possible solutions.

satisfy the much-vaunted 'woman's right to choose', is it not fair that it should also be used to help the childless who have hitherto been the losers in all this?

From J. C. Goodwin, Bodenham Road, Northfield, Birmingham

Lee Rodwell's article on pocket money for children (Friday Page, April 11) reminded me of a scheme we used successfully for our three daughters. The age of entry was their fifth birthday. There was an age scale of differentials with an annual rise.

Supper at the Cordon Bleu. The Summer programme of Tuesday Evening Demonstrations with Supper at the Cordon Bleu starts in early May. Each demonstration covers approximately 5 cooking recipes suitable for seasonal entertaining of family, friends and business colleagues.

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Lost chords

Questions are being asked about the conspicuous absence of any work to celebrate the Queen's 60th birthday by Malcolm Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music.

Interest flags

Libya wasn't the only topic of conversation yesterday at the foreign ministers' meeting in Luxembourg. During the proceedings a new flag for Europe, intended to become as revered as any national flag, was unfurled for inspection.

Doctor no

A hundred or so middle management officers at the British Medical Association have just voted to negotiate a "no cost" private health care deal for themselves.

Women's Lib

If you danced with a man who danced with a girl who danced with David Steel, you too could get into a Liberal Party promotion.

Scouse nous

In a coup for political patronage, Labour MP and Everton football fan Sean Hughes has managed to secure MPs' FA Cup Final tickets for his Merseyside constituents.



Monkey's tale

Gerard Hoffnung would have loved this attempt at parking fine avoidance received by Harrogate's prosecution office: "The trouble was I purchased a pet spider monkey two months ago and I think you may not be aware of the trouble these young monkeys can cause."

Why hack Herstmonceux?

by Sir William McCrea

The Royal Greenwich Observatory is probably Britain's most famous scientific establishment. Founded in the 17th century it overlooked the Royal Park at Greenwich until after the last war.

Increasingly, observational work has come to be carried out in better climates than Britain's. Thanks to the support of the Science and Engineering Research Council, the observatory is now inaugurating, in the Canary Islands, what will be the most advanced optical telescope in the world.

The council exists to serve Britain's community of scientists. It might have asked some of them - astronomers - about this drastic restructuring of their discipline.

of Edinburgh whether they might absorb the observatory. Worse, most non-university astronomers are employed by the research council, so they are restricted in what they can say.

The construction of the observatory's William Herschel telescope in the Canaries, the most sophisticated ground-based optical telescope in the world, will be disrupted.

The Royal Greenwich Observatory has acquired an unrivalled reputation for its work on behalf of HM Nautical Almanac Office, its research into positional astronomy, and for laser ranging of artificial satellites.

There is no word in the council's statement about the observatory's links with Sussex University and its Astronomy Centre, which has a solid reputation for theoretical work on stellar structure, the origin of chemical elements in the stars and galaxies, and fundamental cosmology.

The Treasury and the Department of Education and Science have yet to endorse the council's plan, so there is time to reconsider. For the sake of the well-being of British astronomy - indeed, for the sake of the research council's reputation - there is an urgent need to think again.

David Miller finds both the sports boycott of South Africa and the rebel tours - most recently by New Zealand rugby players - producing effects opposite to their intent

Playing apartheid to lose

The international sports boycott of South Africa is riddled with illusions and misconceptions, both among those who impose it and those who seek to break it.

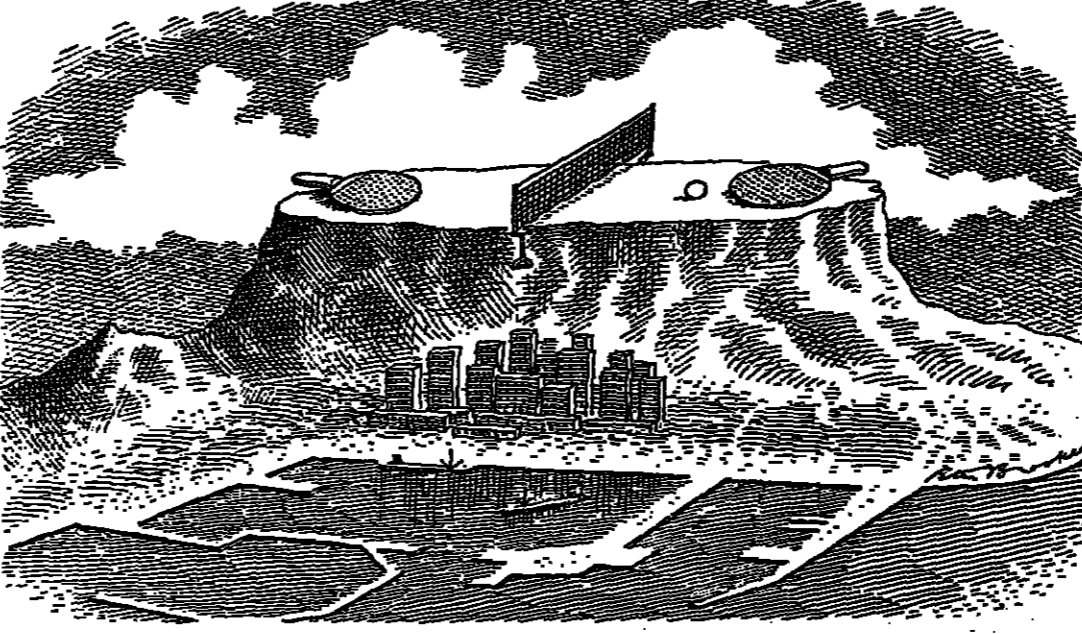
The South African crisis can only be solved - bloody revolution apart - by constitutional reform, and the extent of this will not be influenced by international sporting coercion.

Government resistance to further liberalization provoked Sunday's statement by the South African Sports Federation in which it demanded the removal of all remaining apartheid laws and the creation of an equal-opportunity society.

Yet the current rebel tour by New Zealand rugby players will do more harm than good to South Africa - never mind the havoc within rugby - because it provides a convenient target for the forces of protest.

When I put this view to Ron Miller he agreed, but expressed the relative indifference of his government. "The government stands completely separate from sports initiatives in South Africa," he said.

It is tragic that the international sporting community has not shown a positive attitude to our reforms, and it casts doubt on their sincerity when they originally indicated that their coercive attitude was to promote sporting integration for non-whites.



result of external force. There is no hope of the sporting boycott making us change (political) direction.

This affirmation of government policy deflates the stance of the sporting, as opposed to political, foreign protesters who are now overestimating the continuing effectiveness of the boycott.

Such a view, inherent in the Gleneagles agreement, may have been relevant 10 years ago, and may have accelerated the genuine integration in many sports such as boxing, soccer, cricket, cycling, tennis and wrestling. But no longer.

The political force of the sporting boycott has, I believe, expended itself. It is now achieving nothing in many instances, all it does is limit the development and experience of South African sportsmen, black as well as white.

Where Pretoria's policy, as expressed by Miller, remains politically unacceptable - not to say naive - is in the question of equal opportunity and the continued suppression of non-whites through education inequality.

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Progressive Federal Party, South Africa's official opposition - who was the strategic adviser behind the sports federation statement.

Referring to the world's sporting bodies, Miller says football seems to have a stronger hold on its members than rugby, as if unaware that the international football federation, Fifa, is numerically dominated by Third World votes, and that Joao Havelange, the federation's president, owes his 1974 election to those votes.

Yet Miller insists that by shifting the argument from the sporting to the political arena, by making their preconditions for international recognition constitutional issues such as one man, one vote, the International Olympic Committee and other sporting bodies are weakening rather than strengthening their individual voice.

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young people who are light users of both newspapers and television. But the most specifically targeted and specialized of media is also, paradoxically, the medium that jumbles everything up so that the listener has difficulty in separating the music, news, views and advertising. Much is not what it seems: the local programme may come from 2,000 miles away.

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The author's book, Communications Deregulation, is published by Basil Blackwell, £25.

William Wallace

Rebuilding the Atlantic bridge

Even before the American action in Libya, there were those on the right as well as the left who relished the prospect that attitudes to the United States might become a central issue in British politics.

For the new right, pro-Americanism provides a touchstone of political attitudes that sharply divides them not only from Labour and the Alliance parties, but also from the old establishment and the pro-European Edward Heath wing of the Conservative Party.

Norman Tebbit, asked to respond some months ago on Newsnight to Edward Heath's views on the future of EEC, attacked him first for being pro-European and anti-American, and second for favouring industrial intervention. The ideological identification is with Reagan's America, not with the effete and decaying tradition of Roosevelt and Kennedy.

In the aftermath of the Libyan affair it will be tempting on both sides of the political divide to slide from an argument about current American foreign policy into an argument over commitment to the Anglo-American alliance itself.

moreover... Miles Kington

Caught, wrecked before wicket

Next time you put your hand in your pocket for a charity, why not make it for the Moverover Rest Home and Refuge for Battered English Cricketers?

Here on the banks of the Thames we have turned a quiet country house into a retreat where England cricketers who can take no more may live out the rest of their days in tranquility.

Johnny X, a mid-order batsman, tells a typical story: "I was batting against the West Indies two months ago. I was armed only with a helmet, flexibles, wrist-stainless steel legging, bullet-proof vest, riot shield and willow trunk.

Johnny X was suffering from what used to be called shell-shock. He still suffers from it. Every night he wakes up shouting: "No ball!"

These men fought for England. Now they need you to fight for them. Don't let them down. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Moverover Cricket Charity, or MCC for short. Thank you.

pose one against the other. Responsible government seeks to re-establish consensus on ground that can accommodate the broadest possible spread of opinion.

Unfashionable, though the Heseltine legacy at the Ministry of Defence now is, the most promising formula for such a consensus is to be found in the chapter of the 1985 defence White Paper which discusses "that side of the transatlantic bridge of which Britain forms a part: the European pillar".

White Paper in effect argues, now has only a very limited "special" relationship with the US, in nuclear and intelligence matters. For the rest, from strategy and security policy to collaboration in arms procurement, Britain's influence is most effectively extended in Washington as part of the European caucus.

European disarray means that constructive criticisms receive little hearing in Washington, that we have no coherent alternatives to propose, and exert little influence. Left on our own as a junior partner, the choices are all too often presented in terms of subjugation or separation.

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STILL NOT ENOUGH

At the close of Monday's meeting of EEC foreign ministers, Libya was still receiving what was in effect, "most favoured nation" treatment from the Community.

That the limited measures actually agreed upon could be described as "tougher sanctions" is a comment more upon the inadequacy of the EEC's previous curbs on Libya than upon this week's deliberations.

That left a package of measures to cut Libyan diplomatic representation in EEC countries to the "absolute minimum necessary" and confine the diplomats to national capitals; to keep watch on non-official Libyans like students and journalists; and to ensure that Libyans expelled from one EEC country for involvement in terrorism will be

excluded from the entire EEC.

The phrase "Libyan diplomat" is, of course, an oxymoron. Colonel Gaddafi's "Peoples's Bureaus" are better regarded as centres for organizing terrorism than as visa offices.

But will even these mild proposals be implemented? A promise to reduce diplomatic representation to the minimum is unlikely to be interpreted identically in, say, Britain and Greece. Indeed, Greece - like Spain - claims that it already has the minimum representation in Libya.

It is difficult, however, to see what practical results might flow from the package if it were to be enthusiastically implemented.

Probably terrorists would find it marginally more difficult to operate without detection in EEC countries. But the measures so far announced will reduce neither Libya's overall capacity to sponsor and assist terrorism abroad nor its will to do so.

NO SURGERY FOR THE SURGERIES

The Government's review of the front line of health care, the general practitioners and community nurses, is in the main sane and sensible. Twenty years after the "Family Doctor's Charter" rescued GP services from decline, a system of family health care that still ranks - a tribute if nothing else to Thatcherite administration of the National Health Service - as the best in the world, is in need of overhaul.

The deeply green paper proposes for local doctors no more nor less than the method of regulating the public sector the Government has suggested for teachers and civil servants; a scheme of contracts to relate pay and performance. Here is an endorsement of the growing thirst of patients/consumers for more information about the NHS's operation - linked to a recommendation for some quicker and easier complaints procedure.

Family practice has been under scrutiny for five years. In 1981 the Treasury became intensely interested in trying to place cash limits on family practitioner services expenditure. The idea was always impractical. It is one thing to make patients queue to have their hernias. Risking having to tell a mother bringing a baby for a polio vaccination that the money has run out for the year is quite another.

At the same time, the think tanks were canvassing ideas such as lifting or easing controls on where GPs can practise. The ambition was, basically, to privatize general practice - for example by providing would-be patients

with vouchers covering basic public health care which they could top up and spend in private surgeries. Instead of self-employed agents of the NHS, doctors would become health entrepreneurs.

Ultimately neither the economists nor the radicals were convincing. Ministers were left with the central issue: how to introduce elements of consumerism into a collectively provided service in which the power of the producers, the doctors and health care professionals was strong, without jeopardizing the NHS's ability to plan and deliver a comparable service in diverse local areas.

The Government's uncertainty about what to do next shows through the discussion document; perhaps that is why it has taken two years to produce. In the meantime much-needed improvements in family doctor services have hung fire. It was 1979 when the Acheson report put forward a programme to improve inner city care. Yet the discussion paper is still only talking about experiments with new types of contract for GPs in inner cities.

Issues like the pace at which the number of GPs and dentists is increasing are addressed only obliquely. From 2,400 in the mid-1970s, the number of patients on the average GP's list will have fallen to 1,700 by the mid-1990s on present trends. Yet the discussion document does not ask directly whether that can or should be afforded.

Mr Fowler is anxious to secure as much agreement as

by inference, towards someone else.)

That might be cynically interpreted as exactly what the package was designed to achieve. Its real purpose was not quite so craven. It was to persuade the US that no further military attacks need be made upon Libya since effective non-military reprisals had been put in place.

But it would be a mistake to believe that this reaction - which is partly an attempt to restore good Atlantic relations - would survive renewed Libyan attacks on the US. The EEC measures fall far short of the economic sanctions sought by the US. They fall even shorter of genuinely effective sanctions such as a civil airline quarantine of Libya.

Should Colonel Gaddafi order his diplomats to plant another bomb aimed at US installations or personnel, President Reagan is likely to launch a further raid upon terrorist targets in Libya. And once again he will be able to justify it by reference to the feebleness of Europe.

he can from the medical profession to the changes recommended. The danger is that he will palliate an interest group rather than enhance the wellbeing of patients. For example, the recommendation that GPs should no longer receive subsidies to employ nurses in their practices so large that the GP can actually make a profit from employing them has been ruled out of consideration for fear of doctors' reaction.

The paper proposes "health care shops" - a good idea if it were to lead to one-stop health provision linking dental, medical and pharmaceutical services. The paper should have elaborated the financial and social consequences of the proposal.

Mr Fowler is tempted to present this as another great review of social policy, kin to the social security review. It surely is not that. It is instead the interim conclusions of a government in two minds - caught between the belief that a collectivist system of health care will never satisfy consumer wishes and the fear of seeming to harbour a desire to dismantle the still-popular NHS.

The fact is, however, that primary care needs reform. On the way there brushes with the medical profession are probably inevitable. Mr Fowler has chosen a smoother path to the next election, preferring to hope for change by building a consensus over time. The paper, sound though it is in many of its recommendations, is not an impatient reformer's manifesto.

TIME TO SETTLE CYPRUS

He hasn't said "yes" and he hasn't said "no." But in his reply to the latest UN proposals on Cyprus, President Kyprianou has said enough to make it clear that Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar has a great deal of courting still to do. Is he not once more in danger of testing everyone's patience too far?

Mr Rauf Denktaş, leader of the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), has already accepted the framework for a future federal government on the island, worked out by Senor Perez de Cuellar and his UN team during more than a year of stop-go consultations and study. But the Turkish community had also been prepared to accept the earlier UN package presented to Denktaş and Kyprianou in New York in January 1985. It was President Kyprianou's concern over what have become known as the "four sticking points" which led to the breakdown of the New York meeting.

The "four sticking points" include the withdrawal of 17,000 Turkish troops who remain on the island following the 1974 Turkish invasion; the removal of settlers from the Turkish mainland; the provision of suitable guarantees of future independence; and

assurances on the three "basic freedoms" - the right for all citizens to move, live and work wherever they wish on the island.

The Greek Cypriots are not entirely happy about the constitutional details worked out by the United Nations mediators. In some respects, they complain, these are less acceptable than those which were presented in New York. The Turkish community, for instance, would now be allowed 29 per cent "plus" of the land - the "plus" sounding dangerously ill-defined to Greek ears. But in general terms the package so far looks acceptable.

What still worries President Kyprianou is that the four points above have not been dealt with - and he is unhappy about the promise that they will be dealt with in due course. The main difference between the position now and that in which he found himself 15 months ago, is that all other Greek Cypriot leaders, not to mention President Papandreu in Athens, now agree with him.

It is against that background that Kyprianou has responded to the proposals, not by rejecting them but by calling for a summit with Denktaş or an international conference to

discuss the four points before agreeing to anything. The idea of an international conference takes up a Soviet proposal made earlier this year and is almost certainly meant to put the frighteners on Western powers. (The Russians have also urged the removal of all foreign troops from Cyprus - which includes the British with their airfield and radar station). The more serious obstacle raised by the Kyprianou reply is that he is unwilling to proceed until the four points (and particularly the withdrawal of Turkish troops) have been settled.

His objections are not altogether surprising because they had to some extent been foreshadowed in recent weeks. But they are beginning to look unreasonable, given that Perez de Cuellar has put forward a mechanism for settling the four points in due course.

Time is not on Kyprianou's side. Meanwhile Mr Denktaş will continue to consolidate his position in the North until one day the division of Cyprus will come to be recognised as a permanent feature of the Eastern Mediterranean. This would perpetuate an instability which continues to worry the West. But it can hardly be in the interests of those who live there either.

Policing a free society in Ulster

From Mr A. Cecil Walker, MP for Belfast North (Official Unionist) Sir, I think it is important that your readers should know that responsible politicians in Northern Ireland do not in any way condone the attacks on police and their families by an irresponsible, mindless minority who have turned on the force which has protected the province from the IRA over the last 17 years.

Sir, Eldon Griffiths, parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, has suggested that it is impossible to police a free society against the will of the majority. Knowing that the majority are firmly against the Anglo-Irish Agreement as expressed democratically at the ballot box, I fail to understand why he supports that position upon the majority.

Surely, if he listens to the representatives of the Police Federation, he should realise that the agreement, in its present form, will never be accepted and that he should be concentrating his efforts to protect the interests of the federation by campaigning for an alternative to this agreement which will command the widespread support of all reasonable people within the province.

Yours sincerely, A. CECIL WALKER, 1 Wynnlund Road, Carnmoney, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, April 21.

Selling off water

From the Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction Sir, It is not accurate to say, as Mr David Akroyd's letter (April 19) suggests, that the proceeds from privatising regional water authorities belong to local authorities. As part of the reform of local government, the Water Act 1973 created the water authorities as public bodies answerable to the Government. It wasn't only the assets that were transferred; debts were also transferred.

It is for Parliament to decide what is to happen to the water authorities and to the proceeds of any sale. But the Government's Bill will provide for the proceeds to be paid into the Exchequer. This will benefit the general taxpayer who, in one way or another, paid for them in the first place.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PATTEN, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, SW1, April 21.

Violence in S Africa

From the Most Reverend Dr Trevor Huddleston, C of E, Your leader (April 15) states "Many of Mrs Mandela's supporters - and not only in South Africa - may genuinely believe that violence is now the only way to overcome the injustice of apartheid".

It is ironic that on the same day you report the election of Bishop Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of Cape Town and remind your readers of his impassioned plea to the world community for the immediate imposition of punitive sanctions against South Africa in order to hasten the end of apartheid and prevent the escalation of violence.

It is therefore highly inappropriate (to use no stronger word) to condemn Mrs Mandela for her utterance on the ground that it will alienate white liberal opinion outside South Africa. It is even more inappropriate to claim that the process of change in South Africa is simply "slow". The fact is that unless apartheid is dismantled totally and immediately there is now no alternative to escalating and ever more violent conflict.

For the whole of this century the African people in South Africa have shown a patience with the violence of oppression unparalleled elsewhere. Their patience has now come to an end, and Mrs Mandela is giving notice to the world of that stark fact in equally stark language.

If the people of this country - as opposed to the Government - would insist on an effective sanctions policy by ending the massive support for apartheid which is the consequence of our investment in South Africa we would be doing what Bishop Tutu has so powerfully urged us to do.

Only then would we have any moral right to be critical of those, like Mrs Mandela, who express an ultimate frustration so strong as to be no longer bearable.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, TREVOR HUDDLESTON, President, The Anti-Apartheid Movement in Great Britain, 197 Piccadilly, W1, April 15.

Founding a hospice

From Dr and Mrs R. D. Worswick Sir, In urging restraint on those who might consider establishing children's hospices, Professor Baum (March 25) sensibly points to the need to consider carefully the sheer geographical distribution. However, he also makes unfortunate analogies between the provision of respite care in hospices and drug therapy.

As the parents of Helen, whose particular plight provided the model for Helen House, the first hospice specifically for children, we are concerned that he is applying the methods of clinical

Time for dedication in schooling

From Sir William Pile Sir, It is usually best not to say anything, at any rate in public, about a world one left 10 years ago but has not forgotten. Yet it is hard not to comment on your headline today (April 15), "NUT barred from pay talks" and the report yesterday of Sir Ronald Gould's death (He will not mind if this letter is only a passing tribute to his life and work).

In the early postwar years the education service performed miracles in overcoming the physical damage of the bombs and in producing the new buildings and teachers needed for the "bulge" in pupil numbers. Looking back, I believe this was possible only because, on all major issues, ministers of all parties, Civil Servants, local authorities and teachers all saw themselves as on the same side, committed to doing the best they could for the rising generation.

Today, God help us, we are fighting, not helping each other. There is neither space nor time now to speculate fully why this is so. But two contributory factors, in my view, are first, the politicisation of educational issues which could be better handled without being politicised and, secondly, the failure of the NUT to play the constructive role it did under Sir Ronald Gould and which, on any analysis, it should play as the largest professional union in the education service. "NUT barred from pay talks" says it all.

The NUT are right to be deeply concerned, but wrong to be obsessed, by the question of teachers' pay. Teachers are indisputably badly paid. But the general malaise in the system will not go away

simply by paying teachers more nor even by replacing the Secretary of State. A renewed affirmation is needed that, at the beginning and at the end of the day, education is for and about children and not about ministers, politicians, councillors, unions, under-secretaries, inspectors, researchers, journalists etc.

All the partners in the education system should re-commit themselves to the service of the rising generation. The NUT could break away from the "all against all" and re-establish its traditional role of leadership by accepting that responsibility for national policies lie with Parliament, the Government and ministers of the day.

Let them not seek to act as if they were the Secretary of State. Let them argue and argue if they must, but if they cannot persuade let them not sabotage. Let them show that they are more concerned than anybody else about the quality of their own professional performance, the achievement of their pupils, the concern of parents, the worries of employers.

I believe the public would not tolerate, and no government could defend, the protracted under-payment of professional educators who were clearly ready to re-dedicate themselves in this way to the service of the young and the interests of the nation. Yours sincerely, WILLIAM PILE (Permanent Under Secretary of State, Department of Education and Science, 1970-76), The Manor House, Worshipp Hill, Riverhead, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent, April 15.

Attack on Libya

From Mr Robert Spooner Sir, Your leading article today (April 18) sets out "the case for the raid". The main thrust of your argument is that the bombing of targets in Libya may impair the ability and sap the will of those international terrorists who have looked to the leader of that country for inspiration and support. Time will tell, but the early indications are that even these hopes will be disappointed.

However, even if your arguments were accepted, the political consequences of the "united states" action would still be unacceptable. Four years ago our own country was involved in the defence of the Falklands. At that time there were some - albeit on the fringes - who argued that a strike against air bases in Argentina would remove a risk to our task force. They were right, but such a course was rejected. On a wider and proper view it was considered that the impact on world opinion would have been unacceptable, whatever the advantage in military terms.

The action which the United States took on Monday has destroyed their own influence in the Arab world and placed at risk moderate governments in the Middle East. I fear that our support for this ill-considered action has also removed, for a long time ahead, the ability of this country to act in an objective and accepted manner to assist in finding a solution to the problems which have been the basic cause of terrorism from and in the Middle East.

In short, even if you are right, and the attack on Libya does impair the effectiveness of terrorism, the price has been too high. Yours faithfully, ROBERT SPOONER, 14 Berkeley Street, W1.

Labour's hard left

From Mr David Webster Sir, Anne Sofie (April 7) has misquoted my Fabian pamphlet, "The Labour Party and the New Left" and in doing so - I am sure unintentionally - implies that a majority of Labour Party activists in 1981 were Trotskyists.

The pamphlet certainly did argue that at that time to win a majority among Labour Party constituency activists probably required only about 40,000 people, and that this was similar to the number of convinced Trotskyist or other revolutionary socialist activists. However, it did not say that a majority of these were inside the Labour Party, and indeed gave figures which suggested the contrary.

Rather, the pamphlet demonstrated the extent to which Trotskyist influence over the party had already grown and stressed the party's vulnerability at a time when some of its leading figures had allied themselves with the revolutionary left and when large numbers of younger people not in organised groups were nevertheless strongly influenced by Trotskyist ideas.

It is only fair to add that a lot has happened in the Labour Party in the past five years. Electoral defeat has led to widespread political reappraisal; in the past year, a large part of the so-called "soft-left" has now ended its alliance with Trotskyists and Neil Kinnock has opened up with marvellous effectiveness the direct challenge to revolutionary left ideology for which my pamphlet called. As a result, Trotskyist influence over the Labour Party is currently in decline.

Yours faithfully, DAVID WEBSTER, 38 Crompton Avenue, Cathcart, Glasgow.

From Mr B. R. Taylor Sir, The gist of your leader today (April 18) presenting "the case for the raid" seems to be that something had to be done and that, in the absence of a productive course of action, our leaders had no option but to choose more or less at random. On this basis you justify significant risk of death and injury to innocent civilians. Later you accuse Mr Heath of taking a coldheaded view!

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Busy old bees

From Dr Elizabeth M. Hallam Sir, In his letter about beekeepers in Domesday England (April 12) Mr Riches omits to mention why their occupation, part-time or not, was so important. It may surprise your readers to learn that sugar was an unknown commodity in eleventh-century England.

Honey was the only sweetening agent available, and was much valued also for its medicinal properties. It was therefore at a premium; and in 20 counties manorial rents were sometimes paid not in cash but in sesters of honey. Penalties were laid down for any of the Welshmen of Archenfield who tried to conceal their honey.

Bees brought not just sweetness, but light. Beeswax candles were in demand by the nobility and the Church because they gave a far better illumination than the tallow variety.

Some of the honey and wax was apparently harvested from wild bees, and one suspects that late-

evaluations to what is not, primarily, a medical service. The starting point for Helen House was not a medical one. We were caring at home for a very sick child for whom there was now no hope of cure. The occasional weekends Helen went to stay with our close friend, Mother Frances Dominica, helped us keep going.

Helen House stemmed quite simply from the desire to provide such respite care and friendship to other families like ours in home-like surroundings. Though there were uncertainties surrounding its birth, there was never any "guesswork" involved in what it should be like.

Professor Baum's use of ter-



APRIL 23 1788

The final episode in the high adventure and tragedy of the 1745 rebellion, Charles Edward Stuart, the "Young Pretender", was the grandson of James II of England. In December, 1745, his rebellion was in sight of success at Derby - a 10-day march from pan-stricken London. He followed, retreated, and on April 16 the following year his dispirited army was destroyed by the Duke of Cumberland at Culloden. Charles escaped from Scotland and thereafter wandered throughout Europe. He died on January 20, 1788 in Rome, where his remains were removed to St Peter's in 1807.

A correspondent has favoured us with the following Extract of a letter from his friend at ROME, which contains a more particular account of the funeral of the late COUNT OF ALBANY than any yet published. The funeral obsequies of the late Count of Albany were celebrated on the third of February, in the Cathedral Church at Frascati [sic], of which see Cardinal Duke of York, his brother, is Bishop.

The church was hung with black cloth (the seats [sic] covered with gold lace), drawn up between pillars in form of festoons, intermixed with gold and silver tissues, which had a very magnificent and solemn effect; especially as a profusion of wax tapers were continually burning during the whole of the ceremony in every part of the church.

Over the great door, and the four principal side altars, there were affixed in the festoons (in large characters) the following texts of Scripture, which were chosen by the Cardinal, as allusive to the situation and fortunes of the deceased: "Ecclesiastes, chap. 47, v. 17. Job, chap. 29, v. 5. Tobit, chap. 2, v. 18. Proverbs, chap. 3, v. 17. Maccabees, book 2, chap. 6, v. 31."

A large Catafalque was erected on a platform raised three steps from the floor, in the Nave of the Church, on which the Coffin, containing the Body, was placed, covered with a superb pall, on which was embroidered, in several places, the royal arms of England, on each side stood three gentlemen servants of the deceased, in mourning cloaks, and holding a Royal Banner - and about it were placed a very considerable number of very large wax tapers in the form of a square, guarded by the Militia of Frascati.

About ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Cardinal was brought into the Church in a Sedan Chair, covered with black cloth, attended by a large suit of his officers and servants, in deep mourning. He seated himself on his throne, on the right hand side of the great altar, and began [sic] to sing the office appointed by the church for the dead, assisted by his choir, which is numerous, and some of the best voices from Rome. The first verse was scarcely finished, when it was observed that his voice faltered [sic], the tears trickled down his cheeks, so that it was feared he would not have been able to proceed - however, he soon recollected himself, and went through the functions in a very affecting manner - in which many firmness, fraternal affection, and religious solemnity, were very happily blended.

The Magistrate of Frascati, and a numerous concourse of the neighbouring people, attended on this occasion; who were attracted, not so much by their curiosity, or the purpose of assisting at the masses which were celebrated at every altar of the church, as of a desire of testifying their great respect for their Bishop, who constantly resides amongst them, and daily bestows upon them temporal as well as spiritual blessings, with a very liberal hand.

Royal rules

From Mr Bernard Denvir Sir, Despite Dr Lawson's doubts (April 12) about the legality of the Lord Chamberlain's ukase forbidding pictures of the royal couple from appearing on perspiration shirts, the first Queen Elizabeth had no qualms about being very forthright in this matter.

In 1563 an Order in Council was issued which, after rather distastefully claiming that the Queen had only been forced to take action in this matter because great number of Payniers and some Printers and Gravers have already, and do daily, attempt to make in divers manners portraits of her Majesty where it is evidently shewn, that hitherto none has sufficiently expressed the natural representation of her Majesty's person, favor or grace a fact which had greatly distressed her subjects, went on to lay down that she straightly charge all his officers and ministers as soon as may be, to reform the errors already committed and in the meantime to forbid and prohibit the showing and publication of such portraits as are apparently deformed, until they are reformed which are reformable. Yours &c, BERNARD DENVIR, Arts Club, 40 Dover Street, W1.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 22: The King and Queen of Spain arrived at Windsor today on a State Visit to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle.

COURT AND SOCIAL

The following had the honour of being invited: Official Suite of the King and Queen of Spain. Excmo Señor Don Francisco Fernández Ordóñez (Minister for Foreign Affairs) an Excmo Señora de Fernández Ordóñez.

The King and Queen of Spain, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales, travelled by motor car to the Royal Pavilion in the Home Park, Windsor. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh met the Majesties in the Royal Pavilion.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) and the Lady Somerleyton, Lord Nicholas Gordon-Lennox (British Ambassador at Madrid) and Lady Nicholas Gordon-Lennox.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Mountbatten, the Duke of Kent, the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester.

The King and Queen of Spain this afternoon at Windsor Castle received addresses from the Chairman and the Members of the Council of the Royal County of Berkshire and from the Mayor and Councillors of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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Appointments

Mr W.R.G. Hamner and Miss E.A. Taylor The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Hamner, of Hamner, Whitechapel, Shropshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Taylor, of Frampton-on-Severn, Gloucestershire.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Durran and Miss S.M. Frickish The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Durran, of Huddersfield, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Frickish, of Vancouver, British Columbia.

OBITUARY COL JAMES CARNE, VC Hero of the Imjin River



Colonel James Power Carne, VC, DSO, DL, who died on April 19 at the age of 80, commanded the 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment at the Battle of the Imjin River in 1951, a heroic stand which ranks as one of the most glorious fighting achievements of the Korean War.

After a three-day battle during which he showed inspirational powers of leadership, Mr Carne and the surviving members of the "Glorious Glosters" were taken into captivity in conditions of the utmost rigour, an ordeal they endured for 19 months.

Born on April 11, 1906, Mr Carne had been commissioned in the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1925, but spent much of the Second World War seconded to the King's African Rifles, with a brief interlude in Burma in 1944. With the KAR disbanded after the war, he was commanding a territorial battalion, when the 1st Battalion Gloucestershire was ordered to Korea in August 1950. In 1951 he won his DSO for his handling of his troops during an attack on Hill 327 South east of Seoul.

He led his battalion through Pyongyang almost to Sinarjun, and when the heavy communist counter-offensive began which drove United Nations troops inexorably southwards in the direction of Seoul, he was one of the last men out of Pyongyang city. Eventually as part of a desperate plan to stem the tide, Mr Carne was ordered to make a stand on the night of April 22-23, 1951, and his men came under attack from vastly superior Chinese forces.

Mr David Skatlock, aged 50, Deputy Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police, who has been appointed chief constable of the force from August 12 in succession to Mr R.B. Thomas, Deputy Chief Constable.

Other appointments include: Miss Eileen Mary Northway, aged 50, on the staff of Surgeon Rear-Admiral (Surgeon Medical Services) at RNH Haslar, to be Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service from May 1, in the rank of principal nursing officer.

Mr P.F. Collier and Miss J.E. Furber The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Collier, of Histon, Cambridgeshire, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ewart Furber, of Titensor, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr J.C. Reynolds and Miss J.V.E. Leigh The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel D.L.C. Reynolds, OBE, and Miss J.V.E. Leigh, of Newborough, Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and Juliet, only daughter of Sir Neville and Lady Leigh, of London, SW13.

Mr A.K. Forman and Miss H.M. Perry The marriage took place quietly at St Nicholas's Church, Biddenden, Wiltshire, on Wednesday, April 16, of Mr Alan Keith Forman, only son of the late Colonel F.A. Forman and Mrs C.A. Forman, of Bromley, Kent, and Miss Helen Perry, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs A.W. Perry, of Corsley, Wiltshire. The Rev. Michael Dittmer officiated.

Mr P.M.J. Manning and Miss M. Green The marriage took place on Saturday, April 19, at St Andrew's Church, Cleve Prior, Warwickshire, of Mr Paddy Manning, son of Dr and Mrs T.J. Manning, of Cleve Prior, Warwickshire, and Miss Sally Green, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Green, of Bickmarsh Hall, Bideford-on-Avon. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated, assisted by Father Hugh St. John.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Penelope Stinton, Miss Camilla Brown, Miss Stephanie Flower, Miss Margaret Hall and Miss Sarah Baker. Mr Henry Parker was best man. A guard of honour was formed by the bridegroom's brother officers.

Mr N.B. Pierson and Miss T.L. Somerville The marriage took place on Saturday at the church of St Mary the Virgin, Newborough, Suffolk, of Mr Nicholas Pierson, elder son of Mr David Pierson, of Newborough, Suffolk, and Miss T.L. Somerville, of Newborough, Suffolk, daughter of Mr David Pierson, of Newborough, Suffolk.

Birthdays today Mr Malcolm Anson, 62; Mrs Shirley Temple Black, 58; The Most Rev Michael Bowen, 65; Lord Curzon, 81; Mr Anthony Lorton, 68; Professor Glyn Daniel, 72; Mr James Donlevy, 60; Sir Diarmuid Downs, 64; The Earl of Drogheda, 76; Baroness Dudley, 79; Sir Arnold Hall, 71; Mr James Gifford, 78; Colonel R.A.S.G. Martin, 72; Lord Samuel of Wych Cross, 74; Professor George Steiner, 57; Sir Herbert Taylor, 78; Miss Colin Finlay, 62; Sir Eric Yarrow, 66; Mr Stuart Young, 52.

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ALEXEI ARBUZOV

Alexei Arbuзов, the Soviet Union's most successful and prolific playwright from 1930 onwards, died in Moscow on April 20 at the age of 78. In the early 1960s he had five plays running simultaneously at 11 Russian theatres, and because they dealt with universal problems, his works were quite successful abroad, several being staged in this country over the years.

Arbuзов wrote a dozen or more plays after this, all of them more or less successful in both theatrical and artistic terms. He was probably at his best when dealing with youth, which he did in a lyrical and psychologically literate manner. His choice of experimental forms and endeavours to write in a more or less successful manner in both theatrical and artistic terms.

Diners

Royal Society of St George The Royal Society of St George, City of London branch, held a dinner at Guildhall last night, Monday, April 21, 1986. The dinner was presided over by the Rev. Michael Bourne, the newly elected president, also spoke.

School announcements

Pangbourne College The Rev Arthur Brown, President of St George's, and the Court of Governors, entertained the Bishop of London and the Dean of St Paul's at dinner last night at the college. The Rev. Michael Bourne, the newly elected president, also spoke.

United and Cecil Club

St Edmund's School, Oxford Summer Term at St Edmund's School, Oxford, begins today. The school will be held by the Rev. John Waller (OSE) and the Rev. Canon J. R. L. Gillingham (OSE). Confirmation on Sunday, June 8, will be by Bishop Paul Burrough (OSE). Term ends on Thursday, July 10.

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THE ARTS

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Television Mystical appeal

Sharing a birthday, as she does, with that lurid Russian Empress Catherine the Great...

Last night The Queen and The Commonwealth (Thames) presented a bland PR exercise on the strand of public life...

Quite what that achievement has been over the past 34 years, the writer/narrator Trevor McDonald was hard put to say except in negatives...

The Commonwealth's appeal is as sentimental and mystical as that of Royalty itself and, as Mr McDonald stressed, its strength is identical with that of its symbolic head...

The Prime Ministers of the 49 nations, meeting last year in the Bahamas, seemed to regard her as their favourite school matron as each in turn boarded the royal yacht for half an hour's audience of his individual problems...

Martin Cropper

Royal Gala Fanfare for Elizabeth Covent Garden/Thames TV

Sir Alastair Burnett, long-time holder of the Royal warrant for urbanity, quoted King George V before Monday night's Royal Birthday Gala...

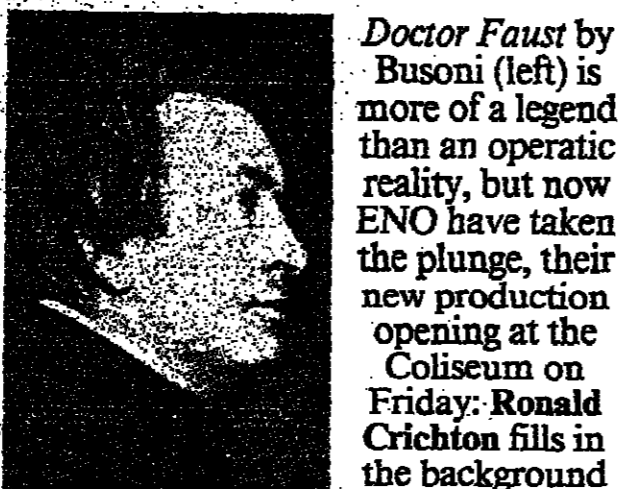
The operatic coup was to persuade Domingo and Carreras to appear on the same stage. When that happened back at the turn of the decade in Vienna there was friction...

Concert Philharmonia/Ashkenazy Festival Hall

One experienced the curious feeling in the second half of this concert that one was hearing not Vladimir Ashkenazy's Beethoven but Beethoven's Beethoven...

Persian Carpets - SALE -

Choose from many beautiful Persian and Oriental carpets and rugs from £15 to £4,500 and more...



Doctor Fausti by Busoni (left) is more of a legend than an operatic reality, but now ENO have taken the plunge...

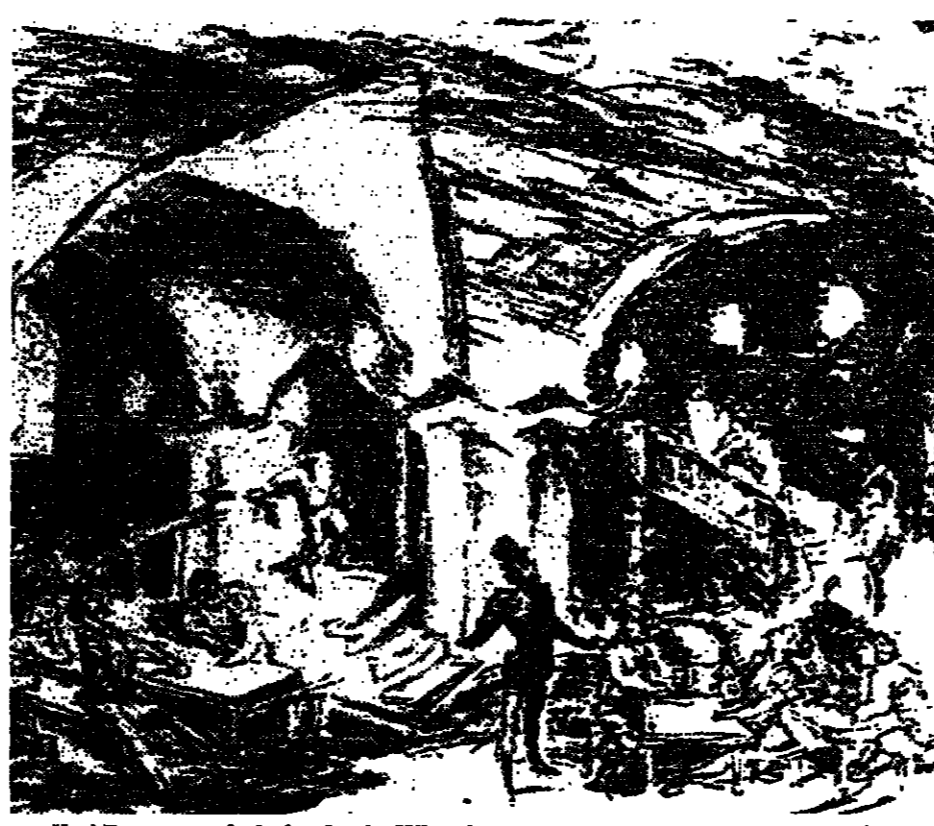
Redemption of visionary intellect

Wreathed in vapour and trailing sparks, Doctor Faustus appears like a comet somewhere in the operatic skies every few years...

Strange this remarkable opera may be, sometimes disturbing, but not difficult. You do not have to be a medievalist or an expert on the black arts...

The music has quick wits, shimmering colour, intense longing and lyrical beauty. There is a taste of the carnivalesque, a smell of acrid wood-smoke...

John Higgins



Karl Dannemann's design for the Wittenberg tavern at the Dresden world premiere

When Busoni died, Faust's closing monologue remained unwritten. So did the crucial episode in the previous scene where Faust tries and fails to grasp the apparition of Helen of Troy...

A few years ago Antony Beaumont, practical musician as well as scholar, was shown in Berlin two sheets of detailed notes for the final scene...

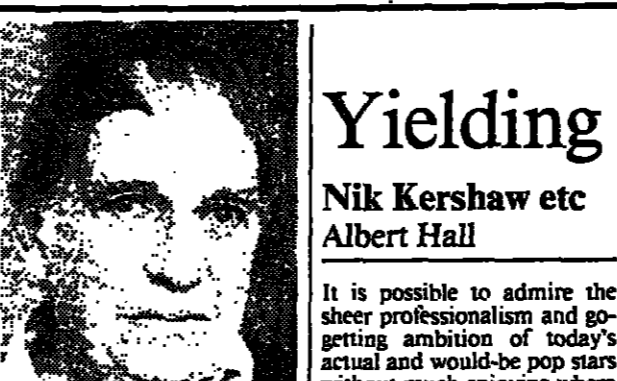
Except for late Verdi, Busoni had little use for Italian opera in his time, although he was reasonable, even generous, about Puccini...

Christopher Logue (right) has been dividing his time between hymning Royalty and translating Brecht...

Creative contrast

It can probably be safely assumed that the Queen and Bertolt Brecht have very little in common, except perhaps for Christopher Logue, poet, playwright, actor and journalist...

John Higgins



It is to this remarkable character that Logue as a translator feels an obligation. "What I tried to do, scene by scene, was to give Baal a very good line to convey powerful...

Stephen Pettitt

Sheridan Morley reports on a book which could prove to be Broadway's best written and most cogent obituary Terminal stages

The history of British criticism on Broadway has not been an altogether easy one. Bernard Shaw never cared for the way New York premiered St Joan...

In the quarter-century since Tynan returned from the New Yorker to the Observer, though Ronald Bryden went to live and teach in Canada, the only British drama critics to have taken up any kind of professional residence along the Great White Way...

For reasons not entirely clear to him or us, Nightingale's editors at the New York Times decreed that he was not to be allowed to leave the environs of the city...

An increasingly mournful and confused English inquirer therefore takes to calling on the joggers in Central Park, investigating the roaches under his high-rise cupboards...

Rock Yielding to the star machine

Nik Kershaw etc Albert Hall

It is possible to admire the sheer professionalism and go-getting ambition of today's actual and would-be pop stars without much enjoying where the trend has led...

Richard Williams

Advertisement for Crafts Council Gallery featuring modern architectural glass and light values. Includes contact information and dates for an exhibition.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1389.8 (-4.7) FT-SE 100 1665.1 (-2.8) USM (Datastream) 120.38 (+0.18)

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.5130 (same) W German mark 3.3286 (-0.0091) Trade-weighted 75.4 (-0.1)

US share link starts

The London Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq computer-based market in the United States began exchanging dealing prices over a satellite link yesterday.

New bank launched

A new merchant bank, Shire Trust, was launched yesterday to cater for small and medium-sized businesses with profits upwards of about £100,000.

Atlantic stake

Mr Nigel Jagger has joined the board of Atlantic Computers after increasing his stake in the company from 5.97 per cent to 15.4 per cent.

St Ives higher

St Ives, the printing company, lifted profits from £2.52 million to £3.95 million before tax in the six months to January 31.

Agency ahead

Boase Massimi Pollitt, the advertising agency, lifted profits from £2.58 million to £3.90 million before tax in the year to December 31.

CGA advance

Shares in Country Gentlemen's Association jumped by 75p yesterday to £10.00. The rise foiled attempts by Bestwood, which is one of two rival bidders for CGA, to buy a further 12.97 per cent in CGA at its top price of 955p.

Ipeco rush

The £10 million share flotation by Ipeco, the Southend, Essex-based designer of seats for airline pilots, was oversubscribed more than 10 times, according to City estimates.

Rolls 'ready for sale' after profits triple to £81m

By Edward Towsead, Industrial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aero engine maker, yesterday announced pretax profits for 1985 of £81 million — the biggest since nationalisation in 1971 — and described the results as "a further convincing step towards a return to the private sector".

The profit was more than three times greater than for the previous year, while total sales reached £1.68 billion, a rise of 14 per cent.

Sir Francis Tombs, the chairman, made clear that with operating profits up by 30 per cent on 1984 to £211 million, the company was ready for privatization at the earliest opportunity.

The Government has also announced the first half of 1987 for the share sale, and Sir Francis said the good results were "the first step in our accelerating campaign towards our return to the stock market. The earlier in 1987 the better".

The company was keen to be privatized, he said. "We are convinced we can stand on our own feet. We believe there are important opportunities open to us by a return to the private sector."

Rolls, one of the world's big three aero and marine engine producers and a symbol of British engineering excellence, saw its civil engine business increase by 29 per cent last year, a trend that has continued in 1986 with orders in the first quarter reaching a record of more than £300 million.

Civil engine sales produced an operating profit of £73 million in 1985 against £39 million in 1984.

During the year the company's share capital was cut by £372 million which, Sir Francis said, cleared the way for registration as a public limited company on May 1 as a necessary prerequisite to flotation.

Next year additional capital of about £100 million is to be raised before the public sale, either by a rights issue or

another important level, against the mark. It dropped from DM2,060, through the DM2,20 barrier, to DM2,185, before steadying to close in London at DM2,160.

The mark is benefiting from dollar weakness because of apparent unwillingness of the Bundesbank to participate in the present round of worldwide interest rate reductions, and the realignment of the mark in the European Monetary System this month.

The key to central bank intervention could be if the dollar's slide becomes general, rather than mainly against the strong yen.

Sterling stayed on the sidelines yesterday, closing virtually unchanged against the dollar at \$1.5130, but down slightly against the mark and other currencies. The sterling index slipped 0.1 to 75.4.

The Bank of England signalled that it is not ready for another cut in base rates, at present 10.5 per cent, yet. The Bank's money market tactics, which included lending to the discount houses at 2.30 pm at a penal 11.75 per cent rate, indicated that it wants no cut in rates for a few days.

However, optimism about an early reduction, although probably not until next week, continues in the money markets.

Rates were steady yesterday, with base rate hopes resting on the expectation of further reductions in the United States and the prospect of a drop in Britain's inflation rate to less than 3 per cent in the next few weeks.

The dollar slipped to a post-war low of 169.40 against the yen, mainly as a result of President Reagan's comment on Monday evening that the fall in the dollar's value is justified.

The Japanese authorities, who consider that a rate of 180 is high enough for the yen, are likely to attempt to push the rate back.

It later steadied, closing at exactly 170 in London, a post-war closing low, but with dealers remaining bearish about its prospects.

The dollar hovered around



Sir Francis Tombs: "We can stand on our own feet"

direct injection of Government cash. The flotation is expected to raise about £500 million.

Sir Francis said that as a result of continued buoyant sales of civil engines, increased pretax profits, which could be well over £100 million, were forecast for this year.

Rolls-Royce collapsed spectacularly in 1971, burdened by the development costs of the RB211 engine, but Sir Francis

said it was now an entirely different company and would be attractive to potential investors because it no longer depended on one product.

Civil engines accounted for 24 per cent and military for 18 per cent of world markets, he said, and the objective in the next three or four years was to increase penetration to 30 per cent and 20 per cent.

Research and development spending last year totalled £234 million against £227 million, and Sir Francis said expenditure would continue at about £250 million a year.

Launch aid was received from the Government for the latest version of the RB211 and the V2500, a new generation jet engine which is being produced by a five-nation consortium. Rolls is continuing to examine the potential of prop-fan engines but remains behind the American competition in their development.

Military engine sales last year totalled £73 million, the same as in 1984, and the operating profit of £110 million was unchanged.

Elders tells of need for secrecy

By Alison Eadie

Elders DXL, the Australian brewing to agriculture group, yesterday launched its court battle to stop the Monopolies and Commission revealing Elders' bid secrets to its target company Allied-Lyons.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Elders, told the court that it could be "highly prejudicial" to Elders to give Allied information, which would allow Allied to make every effort to "kill the bid".

Elders original £1.8 billion bid was referred to the Monopolies Commission last December not on competition grounds, but on doubts over the financing of the bid. The chairman of the commission, Sir Godfrey Le Quessau, wanted to reveal details of the financing of Elders' planned bid to Allied-Lyons.

Mr Alexander said Elders felt Sir Godfrey's approach was "wrong in law and procedurally unfair". Sir Godfrey believed the commission had to disclose the information to fulfill its statutory duty.

Although the commission could legitimately consult Allied for its view of the level of finance needed for the development of the company, it was not necessary for it to know how the finance was to be provided, Mr Alexander said.

An independent finance expert, appointed by the commission, could assess the financing implications, he added.

Such a course of action was suggested by Elders but was not acceptable to the commission.

The court hearing is expected to last another two days. Elders wants to pursue its bid for Allied-Lyons, even if Allied's proposed £1.25 billion acquisition of Hiram-Walker's drinks division goes ahead.

Gulf Canada's hostile bid for the whole of Hiram Walker goes ahead today. Gulf has indicated its opposition to the sale of the drinks division, but Allied considers that it has a binding contract.

The acquisition would make Allied a much bigger company for Elders to swallow, but after the recent acquisition by Brown Hill Proprietary of 20 per cent of Elders it considers that it has the financial strength to attempt the bid.

G5 may act over slump in dollar

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar slumped again yesterday, hit by US economic news and the White House's apparent satisfaction with its slide so far.

However, there was strong talk in the market of an imminent move by the Group of Five central banks to steady the dollar. So far, only the Bank of Japan has resisted its slide so far.

US consumer prices fell by 0.4 per cent last month, after a similar decline in February. Prices fell at an annual rate of 5 per cent last month.

Durable goods orders fell by 2.5 per cent, adding to concern over the US economy, with the drop in defence orders — of 4.7 per cent — the biggest since August 1982.

In this environment of falling prices and a weak economy, many analysts expect a further cut in the Federal Reserve Board's discount rate, which was reduced from 7 to 6.5 per cent last Friday.

More US banks moved into line with the new 8.5 per cent prime rate yesterday.

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Guinness placing bonanza

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Institutional investors eagerly snapped up a £258 million placing of new Guinness shares yesterday.

The 86 million shares were placed by Wood Mackenzie and Cazenove on behalf of Mr James Gulliver's Argyle super-markets group and its friends at 300p each.

The shares were payment for the 14.45 per cent stake the Argyle camp built up in Distillers during the epic £2.7 billion battle. The placing enables the bruised Mr Gulliver to retreat from the battle with an £18 million profit on his Distillers shares, although that still leaves Argyle liable to make provision of around £32 million against the takeover fight.

The Guinness stockbroking firms accomplished the share placing with ease, partly because the stock market had been braced for a much bigger exercise.

It had been widely anticipated that Guinness and its advisers would attempt to place the stock they have become entitled to as a result of the Distillers fight.

Guinness, Morgan Grenfell and other associates also built up a near 15 per cent stake in Distillers during the battle.

Instead, Guinness decided to buy back the 80.6 million shares and cancel them, provided that shareholders agree. The cost of this is not going to be much less than £300 million and might have been expected to send the debt gearing of the new Guinness-Distillers combine spiralling to intolerable levels.

Extel urges Demerger bid rejection

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Standard Chartered Bank has won the race to recover as much as possible of the £10.6 million it was owed by the International Tin Council. The bank confirmed yesterday that it had agreed a settlement with the ITC.

The ITC yesterday gave the bank a cheque for £1.2 million. Standard Chartered has also received 874 tonnes of tin, worth about £3.3 million. The bank holds another 1,500 tonnes of tin as collateral against its original loan.

It is understood that further payments from the ITC have to be finalized. But the bank regards the deal as final settlement of its claim against the council. It is unlikely to sell the tin at the present depressed prices.

The ITC had 1,900 tonnes of unencumbered tin in its buffer stock. Some of this is

Standard Chartered settles with ITC

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

believed to have been sold to realise cash for part of the settlement with Standard Chartered. The buffer stock account has little left with which to settle other claims. But MacLaine Watson, the London Metal Exchange ring-dealing member owned by Drexel Burnham Lambert, will continue its action against the ITC. MacLaine won an arbitration award against the ITC. Other brokers and banks are considering their position in the light of the Standard Chartered settlement.

The 22 member countries of the ITC recently agreed to provide the council's administrative account with enough funds to carry it through to the annual budget review in June. But, stripped of its price support operations using the buffer stock, the ITC's status is uncertain.

Buyout team plans listing

By Richard Lander

The managers who bought the domestic food and beverages division of Cadbury Schweppes for £97 million last month in one of Britain's largest management buyouts, say they plan to bring the new company, Premier Brands, to the stock market in 1990 with a capitalization of around £70 million.

Mr Paul Judge, former managing director of Cadbury Typhoo who will lead the eight-man team, said yesterday the company was sure of a successful future. He expects it to be making taxed profits of £7 million by the time of flotation giving a prospective price-earnings ratio of 10.

Premier, whose bar code logo is meant to signify the high-technology way forward,



Paul Judge: confidence in the future starts business next week after the final legal loose ends of its agreement with Cadbury are tied up.

Hopes of new bank bid fade

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The shares of Standard Chartered Bank, which is facing a £1 billion bid by Lloyds Bank, dropped by more than 30p yesterday, signalling the stock market's waning expectation of a counter-bid. This sharply reduces the margin between the Lloyds offer price and the market value of Standard shares.

As the price retreated from over 867p to 837p market experts sounded increasingly sceptical about the likelihood of a second bid for the international bank.

They were saying: "It is now several weeks since Lloyds announced its intention to bid for Standard and named its price, so there has been plenty of time for a second bid to come in. With every day that passes it looks increasingly likely that Lloyds will have a clear run at Standard with no competitors."

Standard shares have more than doubled over recent weeks, rising from around 430p to a high of 890p in expectation of a bid. The Lloyds offer price of 750p per share made last week caused disappointment by falling more than £1 short of the market price.

Lloyds has insisted that the price is a fair one, giving Standard a p/e ratio of nine — higher than for any other big British bank. Standard has actively discouraged any second bids by insisting that it wants to remain independent, and is not looking for a "white knight".

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

From bankruptcy to a billion in 16 years

Geoffrey Pattie, the minister responsible for aerospace at the Department of Trade and Industry, wants to return Rolls-Royce to the private sector by the spring of 1987. For his part, Sir Francis Tombs, Rolls-Royce's chairman, yesterday expressed himself as keen to escape from the Government's stifling shadow — the sooner the better.

For the last six years the company has been working to a design for reentering the private sector. The latest figures, unveiled yesterday, provide analysts with a guide to the value the stock market is likely to put on the issue. Pretax profit jumped from £26 million in 1984 to £81 million in 1985. Turnover was up by 14 per cent to £1.6 billion.

However, the benefits of more efficient methods of operation (the company has shed 23,000 staff, one-third of the workforce, since 1980) allowed gross profit to increase by 20 per cent to £366 million. Increased business in civil aerospace largely accounted for the rise in turnover: military sales and profit were unchanged. The civil market as a whole was comparatively static over this period but Rolls' share rose from 20 per cent in 1984 to 24 per cent in 1985. Its share of the military market is around 18 per cent.

The value of Rolls-Royce shares is most likely to be based on the 1986 results and the company's prospects thereafter. Judging by the size of the order book, and further benefits to come from streamlining, a significant improvement in pretax profit to something over £100 million is feasible. Spending on research and development will continue at around the present level of £250 million annually, of which the company's share is around £100 million, written off as it is incurred in the profit and loss account — a valuable lesson learned from the 1971 crash.

Rolls will be looking for much better value for money through growing use of computer-aided design and computer simulation to test models, which is much cheaper than actually building engines for testing.

Attaching multiples to new issues is always something of an art, but a good starting place is the market rating of similar companies. British Aerospace is the only British company to compare with Rolls-Royce and it stands on a rating of 10 times earnings. Rolls-Royce pays no tax at present and its tax losses mean that it will not pay tax for another two or three years. However, on a notional tax charge of 35 per cent, and a 10 times multiple, the Government could raise upwards of £650 million from the sale.

If the issue captures the imagination and market conditions are favourable the figure could be nearer the billion mark. For strategic reasons the flotation will carry restrictions on foreign holdings, coupled with a Golden Share to guarantee British ownership.

At the same time Rolls will want to raise new capital to reduce its

debt/equity ratio, which is still above 50 per cent. In anticipation of that, the balance between its long-term and short-term debt has been radically altered, making the bulk of it (£180 million) short. The company is expected to raise between £150 million and £200 million of new money at the time of the government sale in order to reduce its debt to significantly lower levels.

Rolls-Royce has a narrow product base in a volatile business. But orders in the first quarter of 1986 have been pouring in at an unprecedented rate and this will form a solid base for profits in 1987, the first year in public ownership.

Here is a great opportunity for the Government to take its privatization programme a major step forward. Rolls is one of the few outstanding British manufacturing companies. To release it from the bureaucratic embrace of Whitehall would not only liberate the energies of the people who work in Rolls, it would demonstrate both faith and confidence in our ability actually to make things in competition with the best of the world has to offer.

Tardy referee

The rather scrupulous but bureaucratic system of vetting mergers in this country is coming under strain from the pace of takeover action in the bull market.

The main problem is that the reference of one bid to the Monopolies Commission on the recommendation of the Office of Fair Trading can effectively decide a competitive bid battle whatever the outcome of the inquiry.

This threatened to happen in the battles for Distillers and Imperial Group. In both cases, some quick thinking at Morgan Grenfell saved the day by creating new bids incorporating a sale to a third party of the offending overlapping assets. The OFT then waved through the new bids.

That was flexibility at work. It cannot always work. There was no such obvious way out for BET in its bid to put SGB together with its own scaffolding business. Last week, John Mowlem's family solution for SGB effectively superseded BET.

Reference to the Monopolies Commission is not meant to decide such issues.

The problem stems from the length of the commission's deliberations — up to six months — when City time horizons have shrunk to vanishing point. Six months may be taken as a fair delay for a bid-for company to tighten itself up and prepare its defences, but seems too long if it is merely searching for a white knight.

Either a monopolies reference should put all bids for a company out of court for the duration, or the length of investigations should be cut drastically — to perhaps two months. That could be done only if members were less part-time and speed took a higher priority in such administrative matters as printing reports.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, GOLD, INTEREST RATES, and CURRENCIES. Lists various market indices and prices.

Advertisement for Chanel Gentleman's After Shave. Includes image of the product bottle and text: 'A GENTLEMAN'S AFTER SHAVE CHANEL Un splash de rigueur CHANEL FOR GENTLEMEN'.

We don't want to boast about the success of Cadbury Schweppes new management but even the lemons are 20% more efficient.



To you, a lemon is a pleasant yellow thing that's essential in a gin and tonic and handy for juggling practise when you're bored.

To a drinks technologist, it's three components - the juice, which is actually not that flavoursome, the 'albedo' (pith) and the outer skin or 'flavedo', where 'real' flavour is found, in the form of essential oil.

To the Cadbury Schweppes management it was the means to a generational advance over the competition in technology and a massive contribution in terms of profitability and product quality.

Here's the story of the millions of pounds Cadbury Schweppes have squeezed out of lemons.

Bitter and Twisted.

Until the 1950's the only fruit material to be found in carbonated drinks was juice, which, as we've said, doesn't actually taste of much. Schweppes were amongst the first to pioneer the "comminuted" base, using the juice and the best of the pith and peel. This led to the launch of the first of the 'whole fruit drinks' - Schweppes Bitter Lemon, one of the great successes of the period.

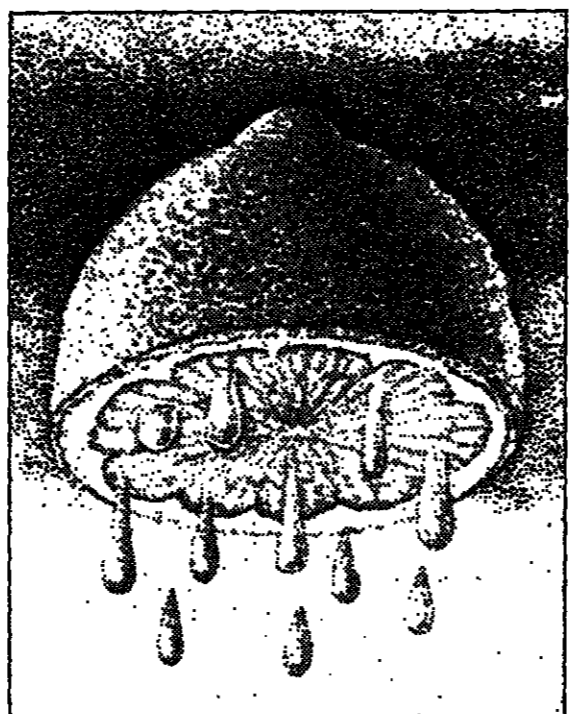
Although Bitter Lemon is the sort of product people view with great affection it was beset by difficulties in the late '70's.

The first was cost of production compared to 'simple' flavoured drinks like cola. Second was shelf life. After four months the product tended to darken and taste stale. Third

was the cloudiness of the product. This is a result of the 'Albedo' or pith and it's tangible proof of the real fruit presence. The trouble is it's unstable and sinks to the bottom of the bottle. And of course real fruit is at the whim of the weather. A late frost in the Greek lemon groves results in watery lemons which give a juice which clears too quickly.

'Flavedo' and 'Albedo' to the rescue.

Schweppes could have charged a premium price and reformulated with life enhancing chemicals and clouding agents.



But Schweppes like to avoid additives. The answer lay in the lemons themselves.

Prior to 1982, Schweppes only used some of the essential oil extracted from the 'flavedo'. Also, only some of the 'albedo', selling the rest as cattle food. So it made sense to somehow get more out of the lemons. Much experimentation resulted in a new process that could 'squeeze' lemons harder, more times. This gave access to more clouding components and other flavouring agents which had not been attainable with the old process.

These newly acquired agents instantly solved one problem - they increased shelf life from four months to twelve. The additional clouding components resulted in greater stability and the fact that the lemon's yield is up by over 20% means sensible pricing can be maintained. So just by concentrating on the basic

component, Schweppes have a better product at a lower cost.

The essential oil that gives Bitter Lemon (and other fruit drinks) flavour has to be dispersed throughout the drink, or it would float on the top and give you a very nasty surprise on the first sip.

The essence of huge savings.

This dispersion has traditionally been done with a solvent subject to duty. It works, but the essences used for export are as a result, subject to tax. So Schweppes have designed an emulsion which suspends the oil in water instead. Not only is it duty free, it improves flavours. It also improves balance sheets.

The saving on just one flavour to one country can be £250,000 per annum. With an export market the size of Schweppes' the annual savings are huge.

Time to concentrate.

R&D (Research and Development) at this highly sophisticated level has enabled Cadbury Schweppes to break down flavours to their component constituents.

By excluding the unnecessary components in drinks which cannot be dissolved in the new emulsion they can reduce the volume of the essence; and less volume means less duty.

on these two brands alone are nearly £500,000 per year.

More judgement than luck.

This technical leadership didn't come about by accident. Thanks to management foresight Cadbury Schweppes have invested £6 million in two technical developmental centres at Dollis Hill, where the Stakanovite lemons were developed, and the Lord Zuckerman Research Centre at Reading University.

Their research is designed to give a fundamental technical understanding of Cadbury Schweppes products, and to the profitable development of superior brands in the increasingly buoyant leisure food and drinks market. As well as the super efficient lemons (soon to have their yield increased even further by a new development) there is the CDM project. The methods are top secret, the results are worth making a noise about.

It will save £4 million a year - a direct return on the research budget.

Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury emphasises, "What matters about our research is not the absolute amount but its quality and relevance to commercial objectives. We judge our research investment by the sustainable marketing and



For instance the famous Tonic flavouring is concentrated four times for export, Rose's Lime Juice a staggering ten times. The savings of duty

financial advantages it provides us with in the marketplace."

Cadbury Schweppes
MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE

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TEMPUS

Boase Massimi Pollitt hits a lucky streak

Advertising is an uncertain business for young executives, their clients and for investors. An agency can go for months without winning any big new accounts and then its luck can turn for no apparent reason, and it has a stream of new business.

Boase Massimi Pollitt, one of the top 10 agencies, has just experienced such a change of fortune. After a very difficult patch at the end of last year, it has won new accounts worth £18 million in the last four months.

The new accounts include £9 million for Dulux and work for Clark's Shoes and Pimm's. That compares with £12 million of new business net of lost accounts in the whole of 1985.

Last year's problems with winning new business did not affect profits, which rose by 51 per cent to £3.9 million before tax. They could however hold back growth this year, at least in the main advertising agency.

The effect should be offset by contributions from new diversifications. Marketing Solutions, the consultancy acquired for £10 million in December 1984, probably made more than £1 million last year, although that was not enough to trigger off a bonus payment to the vendors. It should improve its performance this year and three new companies should turn last year's loss into a profit.

A wider spread of business should make the company less vulnerable to the industry's ups and downs, but there is still a risk that BMP could lose the Courage account, after Hanson Trust's takeover of Imperial Group.

This risk is probably already discounted with the shares at 340p, where they are trading on 16 times prospective earnings, assuming profits of £4.7 million in 1986. That is roughly in line with most of the quoted advertising agencies but in BMP's case the rating is better deserved.

St Ives St Ives has lost no time since joining the stock market in October. It has made two important acquisitions —

Richard Clay for £19 million and Chase Printers for £22 million.

As a result it is now the biggest book printer in Britain, with 20 to 25 per cent of the paperback market and 12 per cent of the hardback.

St Ives has been able to expand so quickly because its share price has risen strongly. In October the striking price was 330p but yesterday the shares were trading at 820p, valuing the group at £98.4 million.

Growth has been organic as well as acquired. In the six months to January 31 pretax profits rose by 57 per cent to £3.95 million on a like-for-like basis. The original St Ives business increased profits by 20.5 per cent to £1.41 million; Clay's profits more than doubled to £1.22 million and Chase profits advanced to £1.32 million, up by 63 per cent.

Even though the acquisitions were made for paper, fully-diluted earnings per share rose by 58 per cent in the half year.

In the unlikely event that St Ives makes no further acquisitions, profits for the year could rise to £7.7 million, assuming maintained group margins. But, with the printing industry awash with bids, St Ives is unlikely to stand back. The chairman, Mr Robert Cavron, says that he might be interested in McCormac now that the Norton Opax bid has been referred to the Monopolies Commission. But Mr Cavron would only consider launching a bid if the price fell to the pre-bid level of roughly £70 million.

With plenty of opportunities, St Ives is likely to continue its rapid growth. The p/e ratio of 23 times prospective earnings looks high, but the shares should be held.

Emess/Rotaflex The £31 million contested bid by Emess Lighting for Rotaflex has followed the pattern of recent offers — notably Dixons for Woolworth and FH Tomkins for Pegler-Hattersley — in that the predator's share price has shot up as well as the prey's.

The reason is the high regard with which the City regards the bidding company. Emess and Rotaflex are both in the same business — domestic and commercial lighting — but Emess has a far more glamorous raising. Its historic p/e, after yesterday's 15p share price rise to 317p, was a heady 22. Rotaflex's rating, after its shares bounced 93p higher to 303p, was a historic 16. Before the bid it was 11.

Emess had no difficulty getting its cash alternative underwritten at a tight 7 per cent discount to the market price, even though the bid is its most ambitious to date and will, if successful, increase the size of the company by two-thirds.

Emess has expanded rapidly in the last few years, both by acquisition and organically. Its taxable profits in 1985 were 51 per cent higher at £3.37 million, overtaking Rotaflex for the first time, where 1985 profits were 15 per cent higher at £3.2 million.

Putting the two businesses together would give Emess access to Rotaflex's strong overseas network and provide greater combined research and development and marketing muscle to meet European and particularly German competition.

Emess is clearly not going to pull its punches in this bid. It has already criticized the margins Rotaflex achieves on its commercial lighting as almost half those achieved by Emess. It has also described as bizarre its decision to invest in South Africa in the last 18 months.

Rotaflex, however, intends to fight back. Its profits growth for the past three years has been good, if not dramatic. Restructuring at Le Dauphin in France is over and the company is contributing to profits. South Africa has also been making money since last month. The board and friends speak for 30 per cent of the shares.

The share price at 18p above Emess' offer price promises further action. Shareholders should sit tight.

Share plan 'should include unit trusts'

By Lawrence Lever

The Unit Trust Association yesterday appealed to the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to include unit trusts within the Personal Equity Plan, the terms of which he outlined in the Budget. At the same time the association announced record sales and investment last month.

The Finance Bill, which was published last week, refers only to "shares" as potential candidates for the Personal Equity Plan, and the Treasury does not favour the inclusion of unit trusts.

The association also wants to be involved in the consultations which are planned to determine the precise ambit of the Personal Equity Plan.

Mr Clive Fenn-Smith,



Nigel Lawson: plea from Unit Trust Association

chairman of the association, said: "We have made representations to the Chancellor, and we are very much hoping that he will change his mind about excluding unit trusts, since they are tailor-made to provide the first-time investor with the protection and spread of risk that he needs."

"Administratively unit trusts are admirably suited to running PEP schemes, having been developed over the last 50 years to offer the small investor a simple and cost-effective way of investing in equities."

Both sales and repurchases of unit trusts are increasing substantially with the former comfortably outstripping the latter. "The gross unit trust sales figures for last month, which include sales of unit linked insurance products, reached a record £655 million, almost twice the March 1985 level, and an increase of £90 million, on the February level which set the previous record high. Net new investment, that is gross sales less repurchases, was 140.1 per cent up.

The number of unitholder accounts rose to 2.69 million. This, however, does not reflect the number of actual unitholders as many unitholders hold several unit trusts.

The association does not publish figures on the number of unitholders, and the number of accounts has only recently recovered to its previous high in 1973.

Share prices drift lower as institutions hold back

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Stock markets had another quiet day with share prices drifting on further profit-taking. Institutions held back, deterred by the aftermath of mega-bids and the prospect of a lengthening queue of rights issues. Selling was light and confined mainly to bid favourites.

There was some sign of support towards the close and most prices finished above the worst. Government stocks continued to look forward to further interest rate cuts with modest rises of a quarter.

The FT 30-share index finished down 4.7 at 1,389.8, while the FT-SE 100 lost 2.8 to close at 1,663.1.

Leading shares were mixed, with falls dominating. There was a lot of interest in Guinness which picked up 4p to 310p (after initially falling to 290p) after the decision to buy back the majority of its shares issued in the battle for Distillers.

Asda-MFI rallied 6p to 160p after weakness caused by a profits downgrade. However, Glaxo remained on offer at 1.010p, down 20p, still influenced by last week's downgraded forecast by Merrill Lynch.

British Petroleum recovered 3p to 541p. IC Gas was favoured on revived hopes of a bid from Petrofina, up 10p to 428p.

Properties had several good features. Stock Conversion was hoisted 25p to 705p on hopes of a full bid from Stockley or P&O.

Rosehaugh was wanted at 595p, up 15p ahead of today's interim statement. Takeover speculators were stimulated by a surprise and agreed offer from Emess Lighting for Rotaflex. Rotaflex jumped 93p to 303p, some 30p above the terms from Emess, 15p higher at 317p.

In contrast, McCormac slumped 23p to 200p on the refusal of the offer from Norton Opax, up 5p at 148p.

Stores were dull after conflicting reports on last month's retail spending. Provisional government figures stated that sales had reached a record level, but the latest CBI survey was not so encouraging.

Shares in the sector took head of the second view with GLEA leading the way down with a fall of 20p to 1080p. Next suffered a profits downgrade at 285p, down 10p, while Laura Ashley at 210p, down 5p, was nervous ahead of today's preliminary results.

But fading hopes of an offer from Capital and Counties, slipped 11p to 195p. Comment on Monday's results lifted Morgan Crucible 17p to 290p.

Aurora attracted revived speculative support at 81p, up 5p, while Dupont at 125p and Metalex 100p improved around 6p on vague bid talks.

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Motor distributors did well with Keating Motor, up 12p to 215p, on the Tozer bid.

CD Bramall, reporting today, gained 10p to 295p. St Ives Group was hoisted 50p to 850p following a 56 per cent earnings expansion, but disappointing profits sliced 4p from Cradley Printing at 66p.

BPCC shed 5p to 297p ahead of today's results. Dealers are looking for profits of around £25 million, up from £22.25 million last year.

Chrysalis lost another 8p to 188p still overshadowed by last week's disappointing profits. Scusa also failed to please at 45p, down 5p, in spite of the 70 per cent profit advance.

Martin Ford declined 14p more to 80p on suggestions that the rumoured bid will only be at around 65p per share. The shares have fallen 31p in two days. Atlantic Computers climbed 18p to 275p on news that the Peakhurst Corporation had increased its holding to over 15 per cent.

Country Gentlemen's Association was marked up 75p to 1000p as bidder Bestwood increased its holding via a market raid to just under 15 per cent. Hillard advanced another 15p to 235p, on dealers still hoping for an approach from one of the other big food retailing groups such as Dec Corporation or Sainsbury.

Profit-taking knocked 15p from a recent speculative favourite, Stainless Metalcraft. Rank Organisation dropped 16p to 531p as de Zoete downgraded its profits forecast.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for company names and share prices. Includes entries like SAC Int (100p), SPP (125p), Tempson (215p), etc.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table with columns for company names and share prices. Includes entries like Bensons Crisps N/P, EIS N/P, Greycoat N/P, etc.

COMPANY NEWS

● CRADLEY PRINT: Half-year to Dec. 31, 1985. Sales £4.81 million (£3.98 million). Pretax profit £482,000 (£574,000). Earnings per share 2.7p (2.5p).

● DE LA RUE: In a circular on the acquisition of Bradbury Wilkinson, the board states that the results for the half-year to Sept. 30, 1985, show a slight drop by comparison with last time. The board still believes that the full year's results will compare favourably with the 1984-85's record.

● CENTREWAY INDUSTRIES: No dividend for 1985 (0.1p). Turnover £28.03 million (£27.73 million). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £619,000 (£58,000). Earnings per share 2.8p (0.7p).

● JULIANA'S HOLDINGS: Mr Oliver Vaughan, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that with the exception of Supersport, the group's businesses have started the current year well. However, prospects for 1986 depend on the group's ability to turn round Supersport.

● BESTOBELL: Mr David Ingram, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that the company's recovery is now well under way.

● SCOTTISH CITIES INVESTMENT TRUST: Half-year to March 31, 1986. Interim dividend 7p (6p). The directors expect that the firm will not be less than 17p (same). Revenue before tax £746,000 (£631,000). Earnings per share 14.5p (12.4p).

Shell-Esso seeks cheap oil output

The uncertainty over world oil prices has forced Shell and Esso to rethink how to bring their Kintawake field in the North Sea into production.

The oilfield, which has reserves of 70 million barrels, is part of a group of five small fields the two companies, who are partners in North Sea

operations, have named the Gannet cluster.

Studies have shown that development of the fields cannot justify large capital investment while world oil prices are falling.

Mr Peter Everett, managing director of Shell UK Exploration and Production, the operator for the partnership,

said: "We believe the way forward is to seek the cheapest possible development methods for five relatively small fields, and it has been decided to start with the largest of them, Kintawake."

"We are taking a fresh look to see whether we can come up with an innovative technical solution

Advertisement for STEETLEY featuring a tree logo and the slogan 'BUILDING TOMORROW FROM THE GROUND UP'. Includes financial data for 1985 and 1984.

Financial data table for Steetley: 1985 Turnover £408.7m, Profit before tax £36.8m, Earnings per share 38.25p; 1984 Turnover £420.6m, Profit before tax £32.7m, Earnings per share 33.10p.

The Company is vastly stronger than when it entered the downturn. Now the emphasis has switched to growth. We have an industry base, the borrowing capacity, and the management to achieve this, both organically and by acquisition. I am confident that we are well placed to exploit our carefully prepared base for expansion.

STEETLEY PLC logo and address: Galesford Hill, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S81 5AF. Materials and products for construction.

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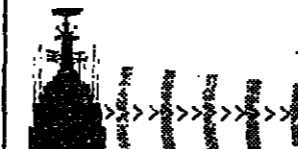
Lightweight ADRAM counters radar detection

Plessey scientists have produced a radar-absorbing plastic only half the weight of the previous types.

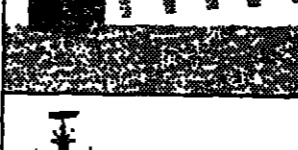
Called ADRAM (advanced radar absorbent material) its low weight and its flexibility make it ideal for adhesion as flat sheets or moulded components to aircraft, ships and military vehicles as radar camouflage.

Studies by Plessey suggest that ADRAM can significantly reduce the reflection of radar waves. Aircraft, for example, could thus be made less visible to enemy radar, or radar-homing missiles, without their performance and manoeuvrability being restricted by excess weight.

Reduced radar signatures substantially enhance the effectiveness of all other electronic counter measures. Plessey has been developing and producing radar-absorbent and radar-transparent materials since 1947, for uses such as the suppression of unwanted radar echoes from a ship's own superstructure, and environmental protection of radar antennae at early warning stations and airborne installations.



Without ADRAM



With ADRAM

Areas of recent research include radar-absorbing paints, ceramic and composite materials, and injection-moulded materials for radar-absorbent structures and components.

With ADRAM, Plessey has come up with its most significant new radar camouflage product yet.

The Ministry of Defence is showing considerable interest and similar interest abroad suggests that ADRAM has a five-year lead over western hemisphere competition.

Advanced IDX for the Falklands

Mount Pleasant airfield in the Falklands has been equipped with a new 600-line Plessey communications system.

An advanced Plessey IDX exchange now links into the fixed military network of CDSS digital exchanges also supplied by Plessey.

Plessey has a major role at Mount Pleasant, where it was green-field-site surveyor, acted as system design authority, and installed and commissioned MoD equipment for which it also managed flight system trials.

In addition, Plessey air traffic control radar, surveillance radar and radio equipment are employed.

SEMICONDUCTORS WIN QUEEN'S AWARD

Plessey Semiconductors has won the 1986 Queen's Award for Export Achievement — for its sales to 42 countries from 1982 to 1985.

Most prominent in these exports was an increase of nearly 300% to Japan and the Far East, while those to the USA doubled.

In radiocommunications, its sales doubled to nearly £14 million worldwide, of which over 90% were exports.

According to the recent independent survey by Dataquest, in 1985 Plessey Semiconductors had a faster sales growth in Europe than any other manufacturer of integrated circuits in the world.

The company won its first Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1981, and its further expansion has led to an increase of over 200 jobs in the UK.

Unique finance package for Plessey export order

Plessey has won an export order worth approximately £20 million involving a unique financing package.

It covers the supply of a Plessey AR-3D radar system to an existing Plessey customer, and brings AR-3D sales worldwide to well over twenty.

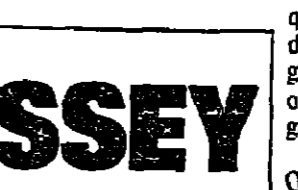
The financing involved Plessey arranging a sovereign risk management package with a risk participation syndicate of eight banks, in double quick time. It's a notable example of Plessey commercial acumen and the City's support for UK exporters.

RAF and on the Falklands — was developed as a private venture by Plessey, and was the first three-dimensional system produced in the UK.

The most successful UK radar system in its class, Plessey AR-3D has been regularly upgraded for export demands.

AR-3D — in service with the

Sales of high quality integrated circuits from Plessey are increasing worldwide. Despite aggressive competition from within the USA, Japan and Europe, Plessey Semiconductors has sustained its position as leader in many key markets.



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WALL STREET

New York (agencies) - Shares were mixed in early trading yesterday, as profit-taking trimmed the excessive rise from Monday's late rally by blue chips and secondary stocks pined ground.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped by 2.11 points to 1,853.79 shortly after the market opened. Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones by seven.

to five and 25.9 million shares were traded. Broader indicators also rose. Diebold led the active stocks, down by 1/4 to 44. Sealand rose by 2 1/2 to 28 in active trading. Shares had risen to record levels in moderate trading on Monday as Friday's discount rate cut by the Federal Reserve whetted appetites for a further reduction.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing market rates for Sterling spot and forward rates, including 1-month, 3-month, and 6-month rates.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table detailing money market rates (e.g., 91-day bill, 3-month bill) and gold prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling closed 10 points higher yesterday, at 1,5130, while its trade-weighted index slipped by 0.1 to 75.4. The dollar slipped a relatively quiet session, after the fall late on Monday.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing other sterling rates for various countries like Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Cyprus, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing dollar spot rates for various currencies including Ireland, Singapore, Canada, etc.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Table detailing Euro money deposit rates for various currencies and terms.

COMMODITIES

London Commodity Exchange... Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, etc.

Table listing commodity prices for various goods like sugar, cocoa, coffee, etc.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table listing investment trusts and their performance metrics.

FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling... Sterling futures market data.

Table showing financial futures data for various instruments.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian market prices for various commodities and stocks.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Unit Trust Information Service... Details about the service and its offerings.

Large table listing various unit trusts, their managers, and performance data.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Meat and Livestock Commission... Market information for meat and livestock.

Table listing prices for various types of meat and livestock.

POTATO FUTURES

Table showing potato futures market data.

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Table listing wheat futures prices and market trends.

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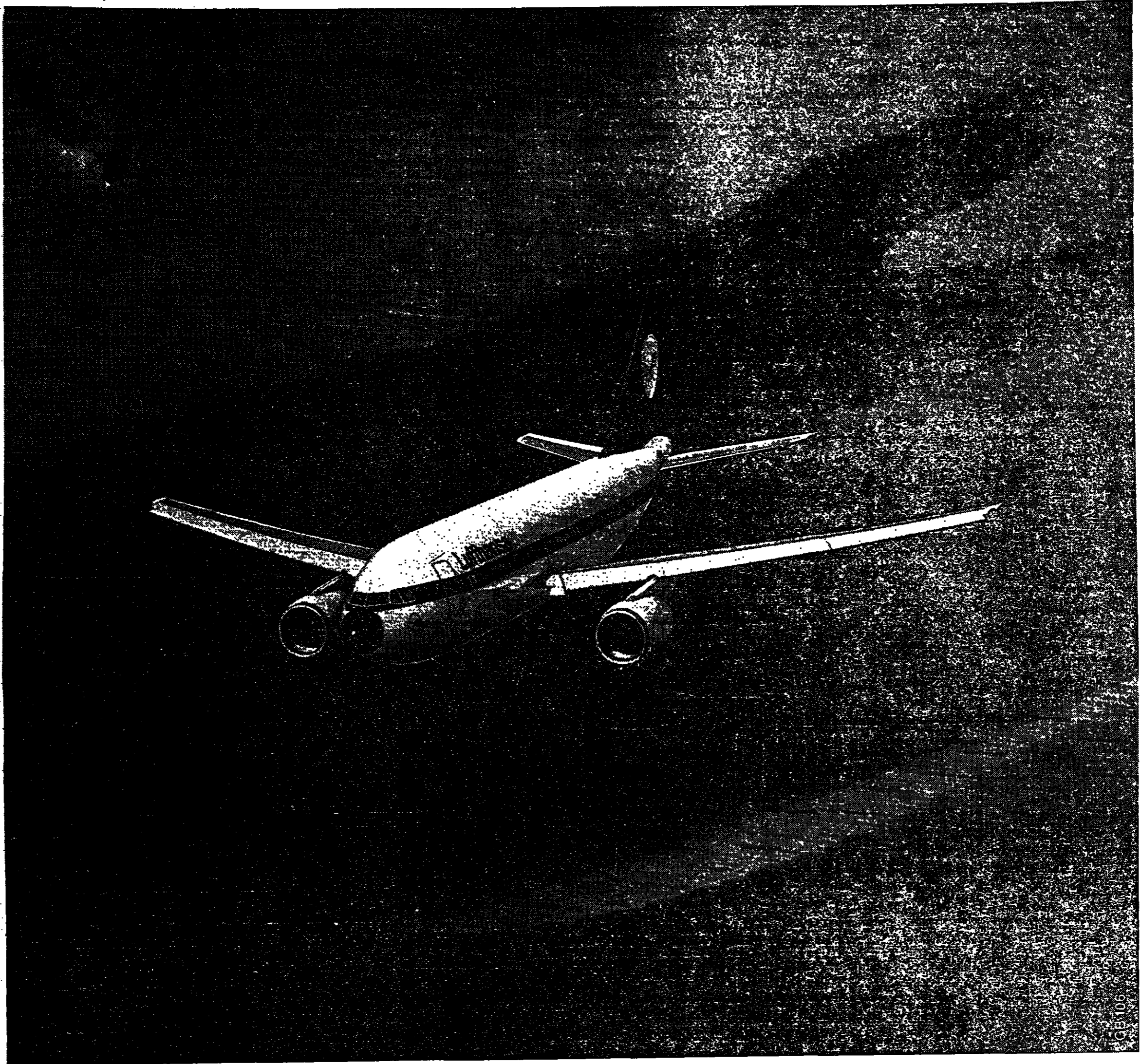
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Rotterdam The Netherlands
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
On Wednesday 14th May 1986 at 10.30 a.m. in the "Kiln 2nd" of the "Cornear-on Congressgebouw de Doelen", Rotterdam, the Netherlands

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Annual Report for 1985 financial year submitted by the Board of Directors.
2. Approval and adoption of the Annual Accounts and appropriation of the profit for the 1985 financial year.
3. Appointment of the members of the Board of Directors.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Designation, in accordance with Articles 96 and 96a of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, of the Board of Directors as the company body authorised in respect of the issue of shares in the Company.
6. Authorisation, in accordance with Article 98 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, of the Board of Directors to purchase shares in the Company and trust certificates thereof.

The agenda, the Report and Accounts for 1985, together with the Report of the Auditors and the further documentation pertaining to the Agenda are available for inspection by shareholders and holders of certificates issued by N.V. Unilever Nederland at the Company's office at the Midland Bank plc, Mariner House, Piers Street, London EC3N 4DA, or at any of its branches. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.

- (a) Holders of bearer shares or sub-shares to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must deposit their share certificates and sub-share certificates by Wednesday, 7th May, 1986 at the Company's office at the Midland Bank plc, Mariner House, Piers Street, London EC3N 4DA, or at any of its branches. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.
- (b) Holders of registered shares for which certificates have been issued in another form and holders of blocked shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company in writing by letter stating the numbers of the share certificates or of the bookings for the shares, which must reach Unilever N.V. at least 10 days before the meeting. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.
- (c) Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandse Administratie en Trustkantoor in the name of Midland Bank Trust Company Limited (or in its former name Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited), "sub-share certificates" wishing to attend the meeting without depositing their share certificates must notify the Company in writing by letter stating the numbers of the certificates, which must reach Unilever N.V. at least 10 days before the meeting. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such sub-share certificate holders will be admitted to the meeting.
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- (e) If holders of the certificates mentioned in (c) and (d) above wish to exercise voting rights at the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing, N.V. Nederlandse Administratie en Trustkantoor will require such holders to deposit their share certificates and sub-share certificates at the meeting. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.

The certificates so surrendered must be accompanied by a form obtainable free of charge from N.V. Nederlandse Administratie en Trustkantoor, Amsterdam, and Midland Bank plc, London. Upon production of the receipts then issued by N.V. Nederlandse Administratie en Trustkantoor and Midland Bank plc respectively the holders will be admitted to the meeting. The receipt issued by Midland Bank plc for sub-share certificates so surrendered incorporates a two-way proxy form.

Rotterdam, 22nd April, 1986 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Opec seeks to win back lost markets

Geneva (Reuter) - Opec's decision to set modest limits to its oil production will have little immediate impact on world prices but is part of a wider plan to regain control of markets, analysts here said yesterday.



Dr Subroto: acceptable price \$18 to \$20

Ten of the 13 oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed on Monday on production ceilings for the rest of this year.

In the quarter beginning July 1, they will aim for 16.3 million barrels per day (bpd) and in the final quarter 17.3 million, with each member adjusting its production according to a formula yet to be devised. This compares with current output estimated at between 17.3 and 17.5 million bpd.

Although the result appeared meagre after a two-part conference covering 16 days of debate, and although three states - Iran, Libya and Algeria - angrily dissociated themselves from the majority decision, most Opec members saw it as the first step in a long-term plan to push prices back to "an acceptable level" while ensuring a fair share of the market for Opec.

The Indonesian oil minister, Dr Subroto, defined the acceptable price level as \$18 to \$20 a barrel, compared with present levels of little more than \$11 after this year's sharp plunge.

Analysts agreed that such a level was at least several months away, and would be achieved only if the Opec ministers could settle

and induce a gradual switch back to oil from other energy sources.

With colossal crude oil reserves and small populations, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait can afford to play a long game.

But smaller and poorer Opec producers are under increasing economic strain and appear to have argued successfully for a modest limit to output in order to restore prices sooner.

Ecuador's oil minister, Senior Javier Espinosa (Iran, told reporters: "We have sacrificed tremendously (in accepting the lower price strategy)... I think we can go on very much longer."

His country is openly producing far above its official quota and does not intend to cut back by very much. Several other countries, notably Iraq - which wants virtually to double its present 1.2 million bpd quota - are seeking higher output, and almost none is willing to cut unless all the others do.

This dilemma leaves fertile ground for dispute both before and at Opec's next meeting in Brioni, Yugoslavia, on June 25.

Senior Espinosa summed up the intentions of the agreement: "The market share strategy will eventually produce two effects - maintaining at least current Opec production with higher prices."

But if the compromise fails, the ministers know that Saudi Arabia has the power to swamp world markets with cheap oil.

US tariff threat to Scotch whisky

By David Young

The Scotch Whisky Association has attacked an American proposal to increase duties on selected imports from the EEC, including Scotch whisky, in retaliation for increased tariffs facing US corn products entering Spain.

Among the corn products is American Bourbon whiskey, and the US has said that, as Spain is now an EEC member, the retaliation will affect a range of similar EEC products.

The US has said that, if no agreement is reached by July 1, it will notify the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade that it will increase tariffs.

Sales of Scotch whisky in America are worth £350 million a year, and increased tariffs could lead to falling sales and job losses in Scotland.

The Scotch Whisky Association has told the US trade policy staff committee in Washington: "Scotch whisky exports to the US are too large in volume and value to make it an appropriate article for retaliation. Action against it would have a disproportionate effect on British trade with the US."

Mr Bill Bewsher, director-general of the association, said in Edinburgh: "It is totally illogical to punish Spain by penalizing Scotch whisky."

Norton Opax bid sent for referral

By Alison Eadie

Norton Opax's £110 million bid for McCorquodale has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, it was announced yesterday.

The grounds of the reference are that the combined group would have an estimated 46 per cent of the personalized cheque printing market.

McCorquodale has about 36 per cent of the British cheque printing market and Norton Opax has about 11 per cent. It is understood that the cheque customers - the big clearing banks - told the Office of Fair Trading that they were unhappy about the potential takeover.

The board of Norton Opax said it was surprised and disappointed. There was speculation in the market that the company had been about to raise its bid when the reference was announced.

Mr John Holloran, managing director of McCorquodale, said he was not surprised at the reference. He added that McCorquodale had anyway been confident of defending itself against the bid.

Norton's merchant bank adviser, Samuel Montagu, would not be drawn on whether they were trying to get the bid through the Monopolies Commission by agreeing to sell off parts of the business to reduce the competitive overlap.

Brake on car rentals

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Lower rates of growth in both the car and van rental markets are being forecast for this year after a jump of 12 per cent in the value of the overall market last year.

This emerges from the latest survey by Budget Rent a Car, one of the six biggest renters in Britain, incorporating research by the British Market Research Bureau and Mintel, both market researchers.

The overall market, valued at £380 million last year, is expected to increase by 6.5 per cent this year to £405 million.

Car rentals rose 11 per cent to £300m last year and an increase of 6.6 per cent is being looked for this year, which would value the market at £320 million.

The van rental market was worth £80 million last year, showing a 14 per cent rise on the previous year. This year it is expected to rise to £85 million, a 6.2 per cent increase.

Business users account for 60 per cent of demand in car rental. Business users rate the all-inclusive package, where the cost is clear, as the most important factor when choosing a rental company.

The total size of the car rental fleet is estimated at between 100,000 and 115,000 vehicles. Between 28,000 and 32,000 vans are also estimated to be available for rental.

Commercial Bank of Wales announces that its base Rate has been reduced, from 11% to 10½% on the 22nd April 1986.

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Greyhound poised for London listing

By Cliff Feltham

The Greyhound Corporation, best known for speeding travellers across the United States, is steering its shares to the London Stock Exchange as part of its campaign to expand its financial services business in Britain.

Greyhound, with a stock market value of \$1.6 billion (£1.05 billion) already numbers some big London institutions among its shareholders, and the planned London listing - being sponsored by the bankers, Goldman Sachs - should stimulate interest in the stock.

Greyhound, which has operated in Britain since 1967, provides loans for investments in property as well as for the commercial and industrial sector. It has 4,200 consumer loans outstanding, but it is particularly keen to expand its links with small businesses.

The chairman, Mr John Teets, said: "In the last two years our business in the UK has grown by 78 per cent. We can see tremendous growth in the area of second mortgages and in providing finance for small firms."

But he ruled out any expansion in Greyhound's traditional area. "We have no thoughts of branching into bus services here. It is already too well catered for."

APPOINTMENTS

Alfred Booth Group: Mr Roger Clark has been named as managing director of the group and of its principal operating subsidiary, Unit Construction Company.

William Dawson (Holdings): Mr Bryan Ingleby has been made group technical director.

Trevor Bass Associates: Mr Cass Robertson has become a director.

Boulton & Paul: Mr David Chenery has been made marketing director.

Space Planning Services: Mr John Ewan has joined as finance director.

National Westminster Bank: Sir Leslie Young is to be a director of the bank and chairman of the bank's north regional board.

Clifford-Turner: Mr Edward Pitt, Mr Keith Rees, Mr Neil Harvey, Mr Michael Ehrlich, Mr Rupert Hill, Mr David Jones-Parry, Mr Michael Cutbert, Mr Neil Addison, Mr Alan Bryson, Mr Michael Francis, Mr David Read and Mr Christopher Johnson are to become partners.

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23rd April, 1986

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9.36	Monthly Income Account	7.00	9.86
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8.03	£100+	5.25	7.39
9.16	£500+	6.00	8.45
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6.35	Save and Borrow credit balances	4.75	6.69

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A county counts on prosperity

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Suffolk is, almost certainly, the next county to be sucked into the house price level reaching out from London. To the east it has already penetrated Essex and this means Suffolk and Norfolk now lie in its path.

The demand for property in the South-East as a whole - because that is where people want to live and where there are jobs - inevitably pushes people further out. Suffolk is already appealing, both to commuters in the south of the county and to people from many parts of the country aiming to come and settle with the prospect of local work.

From the Ipswich office of Hanbury Williams, Ronald Pennell says of the county as the location against the price onslaught: "We are still looking. There is a rural attitude that we like, but there is no doubt that prices are going up, and during the past 12 months or more have been increasing out of proportion with the rest of the country."

Vast improvements in the road network

He points to the Felixstowe Docks, the A45 road corridor to the Midlands, the arrival of British Telecom and insurance companies, and the electrification of the railway to the area as reasons for the influx of people and the consequent rise in prices. "The number of people moving here from London is increasing all the time, and they are coming from further away, from Liverpool and Tyneside, because there are jobs here, mainly on the technical side," he says.

Mr Pennell believes the days of the little cottage in the country at a knockdown price have gone. "There are a few bargains to be found, but not many," he says. The biggest increase in prices is in the first-time buyers' market, which has increased by 15-20 per cent in the past year, and where estate agent advice is asking £3,000-£4,000 more than the £30,000 advised -

and getting it. The big increases have not yet hit the £50,000-£70,000 second home market yet, but no doubt they will.

At the higher end of the market, Suffolk remains - along with Norfolk - cheaper than anywhere else within reach of London. A new buyers' guide to country house values produced by Savills estimates £55,000-£65,000 for a three-bedroom detached cottage in north Suffolk and £75,000-£90,000 in the south, while a country house with five or six bedrooms and up to five acres in the north is worth from £130,000 in the north to £180,000 in the south. The large country house with upwards of six bedrooms and grounds of up to 20 acres starts at about £250,000.

That these are averages is shown by the prices of properties on the market. The Old Rectory, at Exning village, two miles from Newmarket, is a fine example of a 19th-century Suffolk house, which faces the village church. The house, well placed for Newmarket races, has been fully modernized in the past five years and was adapted for use as a retirement home, though the agents, Bidwells of Cambridge, say it would readily convert back into a family house.

With four main reception rooms and eight bedrooms, it has a self-contained flat and a coach house cottage in the grounds of nearly an acre. A gazebo and conservatory, with two footbridges across the stream, are features of the garden, and the guide price is £275,000-£300,000.

The agents say that with the vast improvements in the road network in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, East Anglia is being rediscovered by commuters from London. The booming hi-tech industry around Cambridge, they say, has given particular emphasis to property prices, with East Anglia following

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Richard Streeton reports that Middlesex and Hampshire again look set to lead the pack



Keys to success: Border (left), Marshall (centre) and Slack have important roles to play as their counties strive for glory.

Title favourites face action replay

There is little cause to look beyond Middlesex or Hampshire to find the winners of the 1986 British Assurance County Championship. However, the present day levelling in county standards is a guarantee that the five-month campaign will be hard-fought. Once more international calls will deprive some counties of their leading English players for half the programme. Middlesex, the holders, will again be disrupted in this respect more than Hampshire, who ran their year so close last year. The probable candidates for prize money among the 17 counties is a reminder of how the balance of power, in the three-day game at least, has shifted to the south. Surrey, Kent and Sussex are equipped to mount a challenge and might atone for recent failures to do so. Essex, too, remains strong but are entering a transitional period and could be restricted to one-day successes. Gloucestershire and Worcestershire have the right to expect a fruitful season after last year's revivals, without, perhaps, possessing the all-round strength to emerge as champions.

and this will need to happen again for the title to be retained. Hampshire have different problems. Marshall's commitment and fitness are remarkable but another penetrative bowler is needed to share his burden. Hampshire will hope for progress from Andrew and Connor and that Maru maintains last year's advance. Tremlett will be thankful to return to English pitches after his visit to Sri Lanka. If it is possible, therefore to doubt Hampshire's bowling and close catching - as compared with Middlesex's - there can be no quibble about their batting. Gooch, who succeeds Fletcher at Essex, is among four new captains, the others being Pocock (Surrey), Clive Lloyd (Lancashire) and Roebuck (Somerset). Fletcher will lead Essex during Gooch's absences with England, and Foster, too, could be away. Lever's recurring physical problems means he must be used sparingly. Border, the Australian captain, looks tailor-made as McEwan's replacement. A new challenge could restore his zest, which has been so clearly blunted in recent weeks.

Surrey, who are hoping they escape the crop of injuries they had last summer, are among several counties juggling with overseas players. In Surrey's case the West Indian fast bowlers, Clarke and Gray, will alternate. It brings a new dimension to selection and is perfectly legitimate but the trend must irritate the administrators as they try to limit the overseas influence. Lloyd replaces Abrahams but will hand over the reins to Simmons when Lancashire want to include Patterson, whose pace has acquired such new menace this winter. Fowler's physical problems are behind him and he and Mendis (signed from Sussex) should provide a lively start to the batting. Roebuck takes over from Botham as the struggle continues to weld Somerset's talented staff into a significant team. Kent and everyone else on the county circuit will miss Knott's perky presence, though Underwood, who takes a second benefit, will still be there to evoke memories of a famous era. Dilley and Jarvis are fit and the Australian, Alderman, is back. Kent

also have no qualms about their batting. Imran Khan again limits his three-day appearances for Sussex, who look well endowed with quick bowlers. The promising Lenham will open with Green in Mendis's place. Gloucestershire's resurgence owed much to their new ball bowlers, Lawrence and Walsh, and with Australia on the horizon, Lawrence has every incentive this summer. Worcestershire are boosted by the return after injuries of Pridgeon and Elcock, the young Barbados fast bowler. Hadley will be with the New Zealand team in the second half of the summer and Nottinghamshire could struggle without him. Wright, similarly, will be absent from Derbyshire, which solves the recurring dilemma over whether to include him or Holding. Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, has recovered from the virus which cut short his tour with England. B. Northamptonshire and Warwickshire have filled gaps in their bowling with players from Leicestershire. Nick Cook could be the perfect foil to Harper at Northampton. Parsons, together with a South African newcomer, Brian McMillan, will give Small the support he needs at Edgbaston. The rebuilding processes at Leicestershire and Glamorgan need more time before either is a championship contender. Both have the fast bowlers and batting blend to make a mark in one-day events. Yorkshire remain at a disadvantage without overseas players but an upward trend should not be ruled out.

Middlesex and Hampshire, however, stand clear of the pack, as they did 12 months ago. At that time, even Gattling, the Middlesex captain, did not expect to finish with the winners' pennant, remembering that he, Emburey, Edmonds, Dowton and Cowans, were likely to be away at Tests. Slack, too, might not have been wanted by England. The Middlesex reserves, though, proved equal to the demands made upon them in 1985

Spring washout hits Lord's One of wettest springs on record has virtually ruled out the prospect of any play between the MCC and Middlesex, the county champions, at Lord's today and the chances of any cricket tomorrow or Friday are slender. Mr John Stephenson, the MCC assistant secretary, said: "We have had 25 days of consecutive rain at Lord's and 3.5 inches already in April. I would say to anybody thinking of coming not to commit themselves to a long journey."

Greg Thomas, the Glamorgan and England fast bowler, has influenza and has withdrawn from the MCC team. Should there be any play, his place will be filled by Neal Radford of Worcestershire.

RUGBY UNION

Threat to amateurism is gathering impetus

After the departure of so many distinguished players from British following last week's centenary celebration games - some to a hectic winter in Australia, others more contentedly in South Africa - the International Rugby Football Board began on Monday the closing stages of its annual meeting in London. Their deliberations continued yesterday and the outcome, in some areas at least, will be made known today. The difficulty is that amateurism needs different things in different countries. Australia will point to the guaranteed crowds who fill the Sydney Cricket Ground unless they have a good reason for going, so the game's upkeep depends on current commercial ventures rather than traditional interest. I wonder if we are not likely to find that in Britain before too long. There may be an inkling about the world of sports in the days of the board. Forms have been distributed requesting information on which such membership will be judged and those to whom it is granted will be able to propose law changes. Many countries will be looking for more than that. Mr Tozzi said that Argentina, while not looking for a vote on the board, would like their voice to be heard on world issues and I believe that other nations, have earned that right.

No place in Bath cup team for Egerton or Trevaskis

Bath, the holders, have omitted David Egerton from the side to play in the John Player Special cup final against Wasps at Twickenham on Saturday. Egerton, who will be the only No 8 in England's B party in Italy next month, has been replaced by Simpson, which restores the back row that played in the last two cup finals, of Simpson, Hall and Spurrell. The club's selectors were helped in their decision by the fact that Egerton has been suffering from a back injury, but he is among the replacements which only points up the dilemma caused by the presence of four top-rate back-row players. Hall was restored to the first team earlier this month after a seven-week absence through his injury and Simpson's form has been such that it was felt he could not be left out. There has been a similar problem on the wing, where Trick, Swift and Trevaskis have been jostling for two places. Trevaskis, the Cornishman who played in the last two finals, is the unlucky one, a great success contributing to the decision to choose him among the replacements, leaving the right wing to Trick, whose form has recovered dramatically of late, and the left to Swift. Wasps, deprived of three of their internationals (Bath have not been able to choose the injured Scottish cap Sole since February) have asked another Cornishman, Pellow, to play centre alongside Curtis, their captain. The 27-year-old Pellow takes over the vacancy left by

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Presumption for international duty

National Smokeless Fuels Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners. Before Mr Justice Warner (Judgment given April 21). Where words of a United Kingdom statute passed to give effect to an EEC directive were reasonably capable of more than one meaning, an English court in construing them had to presume that Parliament did not intend to act in breach of the obligations of the United Kingdom's international law. The taxpayer company owned some £30 million to various banks. In 1983 the share capital of the taxpayer company was increased by the creation of 30 million new £1 shares allotted to the parent company in consideration of the assumption and discharge by the parent company of the taxpayer company's debts. The question was whether the taxpayer company was or was not entitled to exemption from the duty under paragraph 10 of Schedule 19 to the 1973 Act. The Crown relied on the provisions of paragraph 10(1)(a)(ii) and (2)(b)(ii) in construing the exemption did not apply. As between the views on those two provisions contended for by the parties, those advanced by the Crown were to be preferred: sub-paragraph (1)(a)(ii) only exempted a transaction if it was one by which the acquiring company became the beneficial owner of 75 per cent or more of the capital of the acquired company. It did not apply where the acquiring company was, as here,

before the transaction already the beneficial owner or 75 per cent or more. Further, sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii) required that there had to remain some consideration for the acquisition after there had been left out of account so much of the consideration as consisted of the duties in respect of discharge by the acquiring company of liabilities of the acquired company and that that remaining consideration had to consist, at least as to 90 per cent, of the issue of shares in the acquiring company to the holders of shares in the acquired company, the balance, if any, being cash. As here the only consideration was the assumption of the duties were introduced to the words of the statute were reasonably capable of more than one meaning an English court had in construing them to apply the presumption that Parliament did not intend to act in breach of the United Kingdom's international obligations. The well-known exception to that was a case, of which the Macarthy decision was a good example, where the United Kingdom statute failed to fulfil an obligation contained in a primary international agreement which had direct effect in the member state. It could not be said that the meaning of the words of paragraph 10 that was contended for by the Crown was their only possible meaning. In the result it was necessary to turn to Directive 73/79 to seek confirmation or contradiction of the views expressed. Thus referred to the directive confirmed the view already expressed in the Macarthy and Excise (1967) 2 QB 116, the correct view was that if the words of a statute passed to

No power to order interim detention

Secretary of State for the Home Department v Mental Health Review Tribunal. Secretary of State for the Home Department v Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales. Before Mr Justice Mann (Judgment delivered April 22). A mental health review tribunal acted unlawfully in directing that a patient in respect of whom it had made an order of conditional discharge under section 73(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 remain in a hospital for an interim period pending his discharge. Mr Justice Mann so held in giving judgment on questions of law posed by way of cases stated by the Mental Health Review Tribunal for the Mersey Regional Health Authority in respect of its directions on November 29, 1983 that Geoffrey Stuttard be conditionally discharged under section 73(2) of the 1983 Act, and that that direction be deferred until those proceedings and were accordingly calculated to and were likely to prejudice the course of justice in the same proceedings. Mr David Eady, QC and Mr John Laws for the Attorney General; Mr Mark Littman, QC; Mr David Pannick and Mr Adrian Hughes for Mr Martin. LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that Mr Ashton had seen flying over the Thames a helicopter whose pilot he believed was committing the offence of low flying, and reported the matter to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which usually undertook such prosecutions. When the CAA declined to undertake any prosecution, Mr Ashton decided to institute a private prosecution and applied for, and obtained, summonses to be issued against the pilot and the operating company at the Guildhall Magistrates' Court.

Solicitor's threat to port barrister was contempt

In re Martin (Peter). Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Neill and Mr Justice Schieman (Judgment given April 18). A solicitor committed a contempt of court when, in correspondence with a barrister who had brought criminal proceedings against the solicitor's clients, the solicitor threatened to report the matter to the Inner Temple authorities. But a threat to institute proceedings for malicious prosecution was held by a majority not to constitute a contempt. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, imposing a fine of £750 plus the costs of the instant proceedings on Peter Martin, a solicitor of the Supreme Court. The action was brought by the Attorney General for an order for the committal of Mr Martin to prison for his contempt of the Guildhall Magistrates' Court in sending a series of letters to Mr David Ashton, a practising barrister, in connection with pending criminal proceedings instituted by Mr Ashton against clients of Mr Martin in the court, on the ground that the letters contained threats which were calculated to bring improper pressure to bear on Mr Ashton to withdraw or abandon those proceedings and were accordingly calculated to and were likely to prejudice the course of justice in the same proceedings. Mr David Eady, QC and Mr John Laws for the Attorney General; Mr Mark Littman, QC; Mr David Pannick and Mr Adrian Hughes for Mr Martin. LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that Mr Ashton had seen flying over the Thames a helicopter whose pilot he believed was committing the offence of low flying, and reported the matter to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) which usually undertook such prosecutions. When the CAA declined to undertake any prosecution, Mr Ashton decided to institute a private prosecution and applied for, and obtained, summonses to be issued against the pilot and the operating company at the Guildhall Magistrates' Court.

Defendant who lied is entitled to his defence

Vann and Another v Axford and Others. Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Nicholl (Judgment given April 18). A defendant who deliberately misled the court, lying about the reason for not defending an action, was nevertheless entitled to have the judgment and award of damages made against him in default of his appearance set aside because he was able to show that there were triable issues arising out of the plaintiff's claim. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the defendant, David Blunden, on stringent conditions as to his giving security and paying costs incurred by the plaintiffs, setting aside the order of Judge Fox-Andrews, QC, sitting as an official referee, in favour of the plaintiffs, Michael and Judith Vann. Mr Brian Gallagher for the defendant; Mr Desmond Wright, QC, for the plaintiffs. LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that by a contract, a JCT agreement for minor building works, the defendant in 1983 undertook repair and improvement work for the plaintiffs for £38,987.

defendant to give the court an explanation of his reasons for not defending the action and ignoring the proceedings. The defendant had chosen to give the judge a false explanation; he had said on oath that he had not had knowledge of the proceedings as he had been in South Africa on business at the material time. That he now accepted was a lie, he had known of the proceedings from an early stage. There was no satisfactory evidence of a good reason for his failure to defend. The House of Lords in Evans v Barram (1937) AC 473 examined and laid down principles on which the court's discretion to set aside a default judgment under Order 35, rule 2 was to be exercised. It was clear that the plaintiffs' claim in the case looked at with the defendant's affidavit showed that there were triable issues. On the other hand there had been prejudice to the plaintiffs - the delay had kept them out of pocket for paying for the necessary remedial work on their property. Judge Fox-Andrews had cited Revis v Prentice Hall (1969) 1 WLR 157 as establishing that a

defendant's failure to apply to set aside within seven days had to be reasonably explained by him and that as the defendant's explanation was not reasonable no extension would be granted. That was a misdirection. Such a rigid rule would be inconsistent with Evans v Barram. The major consideration was whether there was a defence on the merits; that transcended any reason given by a defendant for his delay. On the whole case, despite the prejudice to the plaintiffs, the defendant should be granted the short extension of time. There were triable issues and the assessment should be set aside for a fresh hearing to take place. Even for lying and trying to deceive the court, a judgment of £53,783 against the defendant was an excessive penalty. Moreover, the judgment of July 1985 should also be set aside but the defendant should not be at liberty now to extend the scope of the action. Lord Justice Nicholls delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: R. Dickinson & Co., Chiswick; Turner Kenneth Brown, Liverpool.

Sentencing guidelines are not rigid

Regina v Nicholas. The Lord Chief Justice emphasized that sentencing guidelines were guidelines and were not meant to be applied rigidly to every case. They were for assistance only and were not to be used as rules never to be departed from. The making of an order for admission to a hospital was inconsistent with a finding by the tribunal that it was satisfied as to the matters contained in section 74(1)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Act, since the absence of a case for medical treatment was implicit in such a finding. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Alop Stevens, Liverpool. Nicholas, aged 32, from a five-year prison sentence imposed at Knaustford Crown Court by Judge David, QC, on pleas of guilty to counts of burglary, obtaining property by deception and theft with 67 other offences taken into consideration. The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the sole ground of appeal was disparity with a 21-month sentence passed on a co-accused. Counsel for the appellant had sought to calculate what was the starting figure for that sentence from which the judge moved on the basis of guidelines in the past had given. His Lordship said again that the guidelines were guidelines, not rules. The co-accused had given very great assistance to the police and perhaps the judge was generous but there was nothing wrong in his approach or the eventual sentence. The appeal was dismissed.

Comme L'Etoile to gain trial verdict with conditions in his favour

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The Racial-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom today is being run for the first time over the full Derby course of a mile and a half...

For those who believe in lightning striking in the same place twice, Comme L'Etoile is a fall brother to Giant Of Gold...

season the going was soft and the distance a mile and a quarter. Now he faces identical conditions. At Kempton...



Land Of Ivory (left) veers into Mona Lisa and also hampers Rejuvenate (behind Mona Lisa). Chernicherva (right) is third.

Seven-day ban rules Eddery out of Guineas

By Dick Hinder

Pat Eddery, the season's leading jockey, will miss next week's Guineas meeting at Newmarket, and part of Chester, after receiving a seven-day ban from the Epsom stewards...

Liam Browne in the 2,000 Guineas had forced Land Of Ivory home by a neck in a triple photo-finish with Mona Lisa and Chernicherva in yesterday's feature race at Epsom...

time recently for the Eddery family with Paul already facing a double suspension from the Newmarket and Newbury stewards...

Tamertown Lad, had been hampered by the firm and second Pat Eddery, however, did receive some compensation, for immediately after his suspension...

EPSON C4 Telex: 2.35, 3.5, 3.35, 4.10

Going: heavy Draw: low numbers best

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Dawn Run to hold old rival

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The circumstances surrounding the match between Dawn Run and Buck House at Punchestown are almost as interesting as the event itself...

The connections of Buck House threw down a subsequent challenge to Dawn Run's owner, Mrs Charmian Hill, to meet over a distance of their choosing...

Many Irish trainers have criticized what they regard as a senseless piece of expenditure on the part of the Racing Board, but, whatever the rights or wrongs, it should provide a real crowd-puller at Punchestown...

Dawn Run, who made racing history by becoming the first to complete the Champion Hurdle, the distance of the race subsequently stunner for fans with a first-fence fall at Liverpool...

This will be the seventh time that Dawn Run and Buck House have met and the current score is 6-0 in favour of Dawn Run. She has proved her superiority over distances ranging from two miles up to two miles five furlongs...

The Purcell family, apart from providing Buck House, also figure as the sponsors of the match between Dawn Run and Buck House programme. The Purcell Export Handicap Chase, the next most valuable event, could provide compensation to Monahan for his failure to get into the money in the Aintree Grand National.

Steve Charlton, the northern jump jockey, will miss the rest of the season after breaking his right leg in a fall at Carlisle on Monday...

There will be an inspection at Worcester at 7.30 today to see whether racing can take place. The clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan, said: 'There are areas of the run in which waterlogged. It depends how much overnight rain we have, but the chances are 50-50.'

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PONTFRAC

Going: soft Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best

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FRENCH RACING

Pradier's odds cut after easy victory

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Pradier, who is currently the leading French hope for the Derby, was an easy winner of the Prix La Sorelline over 10furlongs at St-Cloud yesterday.

This was only the second race of his life and he showed his inexperience when he became skittish after another runner, Skitt, stepped up at the start.

Once the race began he settled in a close third place behind Chercheur d'Or, but Eric Legrix was under orders to give Pradier a proper test and sent him to the front more than half a mile from home.

Pradier, who is a bay with a white blaze, has plenty of scope for physical improvement, but he still has something to learn as a racehorse. Legrix reported: 'I wanted to see if he is still a big baby and I wanted to make sure he had a proper test. He may go for the Prix de Suresnes (also over 10furlongs) on May 9, but he might not run again before Epsom.'

Ladbrokes reacted by cutting Pradier's odds from 25-1 to 20-1 for the Derby.

Biancone had news of his other promising colt, Savoldo, a half brother by Mill Reef to Sagace. Following his fine debut at Longchamp last Sunday when he easily won the Prix de Marnes-la-Mairie, he will be next on the same course on the Prix de l'Avre towards the end of May.

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Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1

8.00 Ceefax. Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selma Scott. Weather at 8.55, 9.25, 10.00, 10.30 and 11.00.

ITV LONDON

8.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.30 and 11.00.

CHOOSE

thunderstorm to burn a jekyll of a dog into a Hyde that bites lumps out of a wife. But if it is true that dogs understand everything that is said to them...

CHOICE

defence of the realm has an arms manufacturer cowering himself when talking about the 1970s. Or he says, 'I meant to say terminal lethality. A fine distinction that I believe would be lost on a victim of the tank.'

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Technology - Dutch Heat. Ends at 7.00. Ceefax. 9.30 Daytime on Two, science and news. 10.00 Four for five and five for four.

CHANNEL 4

11.50 The King of Spain Speaks to Parliament. Alastair Burnet presents live coverage of King Carlos's historic address.

Radio 4

On long wave, VHF variations at end of Radio 4 listings. 6.00 News. 6.10 News Briefing. 6.15 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (s).

Radio 3

On medium wave, VHF variations at end of Radio 3 listings. 6.00 News. 6.10 News Briefing. 6.15 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (s).

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET. COLLEGE 8 556 3161 CC 240 2500. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Tonight 7.30 The Merry Wives of Windsor.

NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY

SEPARATE ENTRANCES UNDER THE STAIRS. Excellent cheap seats. Seating chart on page 2.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TYNE TEES. As London except 12.30-1.00 AM. In their 10.00-11.00 News, 1.28 PM. 2.30-2.50 Sports. 3.00-3.30 Country.

THE MOUSQUETIER

STRAIGHT SHOTS. 8.30-8.55. Please note that on April 24th, Sat. night we will be at 6.0-6.30 PM. The show will be on at 7.30 PM.

CINEMAS

THE MALL GALLERIES. 100, Strand, London WC2R 2DB. Sun. to Thurs. 10.00-6.00. Fri. 10.00-5.00.

Challenge for test rival... The Castle...

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Wembley war a world away from Mexico

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Of all the World Cup practice matches that have been or are about to be staged around the globe, none will be more irrelevant than tonight's fixture in north-west London. The forthcoming proceedings in Mexico might as well take place in craters on the moon for all the resemblance they will bear to the earthly event inside Wembley.

the comparatively hectic fury at Wembley. Yet the match is far from inconsequential. The matchers are not so much because "the old enemies" have each gained 40 victories but because both sides are aiming to continue their unbeaten sequences. England and Scotland have not lost in their last eight internationals and between them they have conceded only three goals.

appearances so far have been on the summer tours of South America and Mexico. Had Wright not broken his leg, he would not now be in consideration. But as Robson points out: "There is perhaps still a vacancy for a specialist central defender".

More football, page 38

The annual game between England and Scotland is inevitably another domestic battle in the oldest of sporting wars (it has been waged since 1872).

far will be playing for their places in the World Cup squad, which is to be announced on Monday. One of them is Hodge, of Aston Villa, who could become the understudy for the disturbingly fragile Bryan Robson.

Robson waited until last night to decide whether to offer a final opportunity to either Francis or Dixon as well. After various confused reports it was discovered that Francis had indeed fractured his cheekbone. Although he was eager to take the risk of further injury, England's manager was reluctant to accept the heavy responsibility.

Vilas seeks winning touch

From Richard Evans, Monte Carlo

It rained one year when Guillermo Vilas was playing Jimmy Connors in the final here at the Monte Carlo Country Club. They got as far as 5-5 in the first set and the match was abandoned, never to be completed.

lunches being served up on the terrace. At the age of 33 the knack of winning becomes increasingly elusive and no one likes to watch a great champion search for something he can no longer find.

He is, however, a stubborn man and is convinced he can still climb back towards the top 20 of the ATP computer from his current ranking of 34.

There were those of us watching Vilas playing his first round match of the Volvo Monte Carlo Open here yesterday against a little Czech of moderate ability called Marian Vajda who wished that this match had been abandoned too. This was not because Vilas lost or that he played particularly badly.

And Vilas, let it be remembered, has been a great champion. Only Wimbledon remained outside his realm of capability. That, in itself, was a little strange because grass was not necessarily the problem. He won his only Masters title on grass in Melbourne and followed it with two Australian Open crowns on the same Kooyung court to add to the French and US Open titles he won in 1977.

And he intends to. He will play a full Grand Prix programme, including Wimbledon, for the rest of the year.

His form, after seven months of typically methodical preparation, certainly looked a great deal better than a year ago when he contrived to lose 6-1, 6-0 to Ronald Agener, of Haiti, in Marbella.

RESULTS: First round: M Vajda (CZ) bt G Vilas (Arg), 1-6, 7-5, 6-4; A Krackstein (US) bt B Dye (Aus), 7-5, 6-1; P Slusarski (POL) bt S Fankhauser (Spt), 6-1, 6-3; P McNamee (Aus) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-1; C. 2nd round: F Luna (Spt) bt T Simed (CZ), 6-3, 6-1; A Nejar (CZ) bt K Carlsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3.



The sharp end: Thorne (right) under pressure from Hendry, aged 17, at the world snooker championships. Report, page 38.

CRICKET

No match for the weather

FENNER'S: Cambridge University drew with Leicestershire.

Leicestershire's seam bowlers took three wickets cheaply yesterday during the 85 minutes of play possible in the morning before hail, heavy rain and, finally, a thunderstorm, brought an abandonment. (Richard Streeton writes) Les Bail and Price all fell to close catches.

SQUASH RACKETS

A vintage display as Griffin shrugs off the hecklers

By Colin McQuillan

By the time sportsmen pass their 55th birthdays it would be reasonable to expect some lessening of urgency, perhaps even a genuine commitment to the old Olympian adage about playing rather than winning.

Uruguay will be the team to beat

In 1970 in Mexico, during the first round of the World Cup finals, I had a bet with Clement Freud. He was there writing for The Sun newspaper and had yet to ascend the cerebral clanks of the mother of parliaments. Freud, as positive about football as about dog food, asserted that Uruguay were, in a word, useless. I said I thought they would reach the semi-finals.

They beat Israel, drew with Italy (no goals, acid I say), lost to Sweden, and qualified for the quarter-finals with three points. They beat the Soviet Union by the only goal and duly reached the semi-finals, where they led against Brazil but lost 3-1. In the interim 16 years, I have not seen Freud to collect my liver. On the brink of another final competition, now, as they say, 'the end of the world' has some marvellous players. More than any nation except Brazil or Yugoslavia, more so I think even than their neighbours Argentina, they produce a profusion of instinctive, imaginative players who one moment cross the ball like a mother bathing a baby and the next moment accelerate into fluid attack. They are probably more intelligent and, when necessary, ruthless defenders than anyone.

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YACHTING

Crebbin is in line for title

From a Correspondent Hyeres, France

The British team yesterday showed some promising form on the third day of the French Olympic Regatta here, with places in the top 10 of most classes. The best overall placing by a British competitor was achieved again by Philip Crebbin in the Soling class.

CRICKET

No play yesterday

THE PARKS: Somerset 236 for 9 dec (F J Bartlett 117 not out; Oxford University 11 for 1; Bowling: Davis 4-3-1; Taylor 4-2-0; Mailes 2-2-0; Dredge 4-2-5-1. Match abandoned.

EMERY'S CHANCE

Kevin Emery, aged 25, the former Hampshire player, is set to make a return to first-class cricket with either Warwickshire or Somerset this season.

GOLF

Golf event cancelled

The International Golf Association (IGA) has cancelled this year's World Cup tournament, scheduled for mid-November in Orlando, Florida, and plans to review the way the event has been run before resuming it next year.

COONEY BACK

Gerry Cooney, 29, the former No.1 heavyweight contender, who has boxed only twice since losing to Larry Holmes nearly four years ago, is to make a return to the ring. He will begin his comeback against Eddie Gregg, his fellow-American, in a 10-round contest on May 31 in San Francisco.

REYNOLDS POST

Brian Reynolds, Northamptonshire's coach for the past 13 years, and credited with more than 400 appearances for the county in a 20-year career, has been appointed the club's cricket development officer, a new post. Bob Carter takes over as county coach.

TICKET AID

Manchester United and Manchester City, of the first division, are backing Altrincham's bid to draw a massive crowd to Wembley for their FA Trophy final against their Gola League rivals Runcorn on May 17. Both clubs have offered to sell tickets for the game from their own ticket offices and are advertising the final on posters around Old Trafford and Maine Road.

BASKETBALL

Rebels losing sight of their cause

Confusion reigned yesterday as to the future of the proposed breakaway Basketball League. While the English Basketball Association, the sport's governing body, said it would carry on as normal in preparing for next season, some of the 10 rebel clubs have indicated a sudden reluctance to join the league.

REAL TENNIS

Britain go two up in singles

Britain lead France 2-0 in the Bathurst Cup amateur team competition after winning both singles at Queen's Club yesterday. The doubles will be played this morning and the reverse singles tomorrow.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Radley new contract

Clive Radley, the former England batsman, who will be 42 on May 13, has been given a new three-year contract and a second benefit, in 1987, by Middlesex. He was considered for a post, but will now stay in England.

Nash captain

Derek Nash, the Ruislip professional, has been appointed non-playing captain of the Great Britain and Ireland golf side to meet the United States in the PGA Cup, sponsored by Bell's, in Illinois from September 17 to 19.

Clay defended

An Association for the Defence of Terre Battue (shale or clay) has been formed in France (Rex Bellamy writes). In 20 years, the percentage of French shale courts has fallen from 83 to 25.

Two starters

Maureen Garner, wife of John Garner, the former Ryder Cup golfer, and Carole Swallow, the former British girls' champion, will be making their professional tour debuts when they appear in the Ford women's classic at Woburn from April 30 to May 3.

any team scores more than one goal against them. He and Franz Beckenbauer were impressed as well they might be by the dexterity of de Silva, the Atletico Madrid forward who has the touch and vision of Testas, and of the other two forwards, Alzamendi and Francescoli. The old ruthless streak is there, mind you. The appropriately named Bessio, one of their markers, was booked and Beckenbauer is concerned at their evident potential for physical intimidation, though the Germans should hardly complain after their own performance in the last final. Yet, above all, Uruguay play with the collective assurance of a team which expects to do well. They are far more coherent than Brazil. Osimar Borrás has, on this evidence, produced a team which, perhaps more than at any time since 1954, is always looking to attack with exciting subtlety. Mark Hughes, creating a few openings for Wales early on, thinks Uruguay may be occasionally vulnerable, but I doubt it comes June. They revealed to a Welsh crowd a dimension of the game which we seldom see in Britain. If they do not slip back into traditional negative attitudes in Mexico, it could be an entertaining World Cup.

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Advertisement for Allied Dunbar. Text: "If you die... or if you don't... these two booklets set out your financial options." Includes details about financial planning and contact information for Allied Dunbar.

Advertisement for YACHTING. Text: "Crebbin is in line for title". Details about the French Olympic Regatta and Philip Crebbin's performance.

Advertisement for Emery's chance. Text: "Kevin Emery, aged 25, the former Hampshire player, is set to make a return to first-class cricket..."

Advertisement for Golf event cancelled. Text: "The International Golf Association (IGA) has cancelled this year's World Cup tournament..."

Advertisement for Cooney back. Text: "Gerry Cooney, 29, the former No.1 heavyweight contender, who has boxed only twice since losing to Larry Holmes..."

Advertisement for Ruthless streak is still there. Text: "any team scores more than one goal against them. He and Franz Beckenbauer were impressed as well they might be..."

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